

Gadaffi HQ engulfed in heavy gunfire

There was near-panic in Tripoli after fierce gun battles outside President Gadaffi's military headquarters

Mori found that seven in ten Britons think Mrs Thatcher was wrong to allow British-based aircraft to go on the raid

Machine-gun fire outside Colonel Gadaffi's personal military headquarters in Tripoli yesterday and the continued absence of public view of the Libyan leader produced near panic and rumours of an attempted coup d'etat in the capital.

Adding to the confusion were fierce barrages of anti-aircraft fire above Tripoli and claims by the Government to have shot down another American aircraft.

For the second consecutive day since the American air raids, Colonel Gadaffi made no public appearance and shooting outside his headquarters in the early afternoon - firing which the Libyans later insisted was directed at a US reconnaissance aircraft over the city - immediately gave rise to reports of an attempted coup.

Nor was this surprising. Western correspondents, myself among them, were being driven in a bus towards the colonel's headquarters when heavy firing broke out in front of the defensive positions beside the back entrance of the building.

Butlers snapped from single storey houses around the high-walled barracks in what appeared to be a determined assault against the headquarters. A number of heavy explosions could also be heard as the driver of our bus fought with the wheel to turn the vehicle across the main road to safety. Burgeoning half a mile

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

away, with police cars racing through the Tripoli streets around us, their horns blaring, more heavy fighting could be heard from the suburbs.

At the same time, a large Libyan gunboat left its moorings in the naval port and manoeuvred to within 50 yards of the main seaford highway in front of Tripoli's largest hotel, the Kbir, its decks crowded with seamen. Its deck guns pointed into the city. The vessel - CD144 clearly started on its side - had started moving in to position only a few minutes before the shooting broke out at the colonel's headquarters.

Ironically, the Libyan Government had just invited foreign correspondents to travel to Colonel Gadaffi's palace - which stands within the Azzaziya Barrack walls - for a press conference with the Libyan leader who had not been seen in public since Tuesday morning's air raid.

Aboard the vehicle was the colonel's personal press adviser, Mr Ibrahim Sagher. But we never got the chance to see Colonel Gadaffi. Correspondents aboard the bus threw themselves off their seats and on to the floor as the firing darted across the approach road to the colonel's head-

quarters, which is itself surrounded by modern Soviet-made T72 tanks. From the windows of the vehicle, I could see one of Colonel Gadaffi's guards, running backwards in alarm, pointing his AK47 rifle towards the house outside the barracks amid a hail of gunfire. Another guard grabbed his rifle from behind the back entrance of the barracks. The city itself was in panic. At one point, I could hear the sound of anti-aircraft guns - an hour earlier a Libyan official reported that two Libyan flying reconnaissance aircraft, perhaps American, had approached the coast.

By late afternoon, Libyan officials were claiming that the shooting had merely been directed at an American aircraft - they described it as an "FSR71" plane, code named "Blackbird" - and that there had been no fighting in the streets. They invited journalists back to the barracks half-an-hour later, saying that they could see the damage caused to the headquarters by the American air raid but that there would be no press conference with the Libyan leader - indeed, that there never had been a press conference planned in the first place.

Taken back to the barracks - where there was now no shooting - correspondents were shown eight large craters in the compound.

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Public opinion against Reagan

By David Walker

A clear majority of the British people - 66 per cent - disapprove of President Reagan's decision to bomb Libya. Nearly two thirds have little or no confidence in American handling of events.

A MORI poll carried out for The Times late on Tuesday and early yesterday showed that both Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher have the support only of minorities.

In one of the first rigorous tests of public opinion since the American action, 71 per cent judged Mrs Thatcher's decision to allow the use of British bases by the Americans to be wrong. Only 29 per cent thought the Americans right to order strikes against Libya and only 25 per cent approved of Mrs Thatcher's backing.

Confidence in American handling of Libya has fallen from the action is low. The practical results of the attack are in doubt, too.

More than eight out of 10 people believe that the likelihood of Libyan-backed terrorist attacks in Britain has increased. Only a tiny handful - 4 per cent - think terrorist outrages are now less likely.

The entire basis of the American action appears to be rejected by the majority.

MORI's figures seem to show widespread support instead for what had emerged by last weekend as the European options for dealing with Libya, a concerted package of economic sanctions.

Well over half of the sample - 57 per cent - thought Britain should take economic sanctions against Libya and exactly the same proportion favoured a British effort to encourage other European countries to withdraw diplomatic recognition.

Only 13 per cent wanted any further use of British bases by the Americans.

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Kidnap family together again



Mr and Mrs Guinness yesterday with their daughters Gillian (left) and Tania (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Steepest jobless rise in 4 1/2 years

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent

The level of unemployment rose strongly last month, adult unemployment recording its biggest monthly rise since September 1981.

Government officials believe that the jobless trend is up again. The adult total for unemployment rose by 36,800 to 3,198 million - 13.2 per cent of the workforce - last month. Part of the increase was due to the very cold February weather, but the trend of unemployment is officially estimated to be rising by 10,000 to 15,000 a month.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that unemployment showed an "erratically high increase" last month, and that employment was rising strongly.

Last year the employed labour force rose by 276,000 to just over 24 million. Since March 1983, according to the figures, nearly one million jobs have been created.

The unadjusted unemployment total, including school-leavers fell by 12,924 to 3,323,776. A fall in March is normal.

There was better news for the Government in the public sector borrowing figures for March. The PSBR was £3 billion last month, bringing the total for the 1985-86 financial year to £5.9 billion, £900 million lower than forecast in the Budget and the lowest total since 1977-78.

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Mrs Guinness tells of ordeal

From Richard Ford, Dublin

Mrs Jennifer Guinness was freed from her kidnap ordeal early yesterday morning after armed police surrounded a flat in the centre of Dublin and captured three armed men. No money had been paid to the kidnapers.

Mrs Guinness, aged 48, wife of Mr John Guinness, a merchant banker, had been forced by her armed and masked captors to spend almost all her seven-day ordeal lying in bed.

As they moved from five different hiding places her kidnappers taped her eyes and bundled her into the boot of a series of vehicles.

But the courage, determination and daring of Mrs Guinness, aged 48, a mother of three, allowed her to bargain with her captors, for privileges as well as to make a nuisance of herself.

Mrs Guinness called three of the men who had snatched her "my protectors" and said she felt no hatred for them. "I feel so sorry for my family and quite sorry for myself. I think I feel pity and compassion for them."

Looking relaxed and fresh she happily hugged her husband at a press conference at a hotel near their home, only few hours after being rescued.

Mrs Guinness said that she refused to allow herself to lose hope. "I was determined about this. I was going to come out physically and mentally intact. She added that "a lot of anger, and a lot of determination" had helped her through the ordeal, which began when she was abducted from her home in Howth

Minister reviews ransom insurance

By Richard Evans

Lobby Reporter

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is reviewing the controversy involving kidnap ransom insurance, it was revealed last night.

The disclosure, in a Commons written answer, follows demands from Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Worthington, for the prosecution of Control Risks Limited, a London-based firm of kidnap consultants, and Cassidy Davies, a firm specialising in kidnap insurance, for allegedly breaching prevention of terrorism laws.

Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, said last night: "The Government is aware of the concern about kidnap ransom insurance, and the Home Secretary has the position under consideration."

He said he was satisfied that kidnap ransom insurance could be lawfully effected under British law.

Sir Michael added: "No evidence has ever been placed before me of the commission by Control Risks Ltd, or Cassidy Davies Ltd, of either substantive offences under Sections 10 or 11 of the 1984 Act or conspiracy to contravene those provisions."

Those two sections concern contributions towards acts of terrorism, and information about acts of terrorism. Control Risks sent a representative to Dublin last week-end following the kidnap of Mrs Jennifer Guinness.

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Tomorrow Victorian values



How Norman St John-Stevas finds himself cast as this century's answer to journalist and constitutionalist Walter Bagehot

Portfolio Gold

More and more readers are joining in The Times' unique share-price competition relaunched this week as Portfolio Gold. There is a daily prize of £4,000 and a weekly prize of £8,000. You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to play the game. Newsagents have been receiving supplies throughout last week, and copies of the current Sunday Times Magazine contain a gold card. If you have any difficulty obtaining one, details of where to apply appear on page 3. Two readers shared yesterday's £4,000 prize - details page 3. Portfolio list, page 24; rules and how to play, page 20.

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President thanks British people

From Christopher Thomas

Washington

President Reagan effusively thanked Britain yesterday for helping in the raid on Libya. "Our allies who have cooperated in this action, especially those who share our common law heritage, can be prepared that they stood for freedom and right, that as free people they have not let themselves be cowed by threats of violence," he said.

He told the American Bar Association that the US had tried to stop terrorist attacks through quiet diplomacy, public condemnation, economic sanctions and a show of military might. But Colonel Gadaffi had intensified his terrorist war by sending his agents around the world to murder and maim innocent people. He hoped Colonel Gadaffi would not mistake American resolve again.

Although the raids marked a much-threatened turning point in America's response to international terrorism, senior officials yesterday insisted they did not preface a policy of automatic tit-for-tat for every atrocity against American targets. It was made clear that Mr Reagan would respond on a case-by-case basis and would strike only if there was irrefutable evidence against those responsible.

Yesterday, for the first time, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, gave precise details of the evidence Mr Reagan had frequently cited of Libyan complicity in the attack on US servicemen at a West Berlin discotheque last week.

Without producing the documents, he said the evidence was in the form of messages between Libya and its "People's Bureau" in East Germany. From Libya, the bureau was told to plan the attack. Later, it replied they had been able to put bombs in place. Then, a bureau message said they had "successfully" seen this carried out and that they had done it in a way that did not leave any of their own fingerprints on it. Then came "a message of congratulations" back from Libya to the "People's Bureau". "So that series of messages was quite conclusive," he told European journalists. Mr Shultz acknowledged that being too explicit with the proof would tend to dry up intelligence.

Thatcher defence on Libya cheered

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night won the overwhelming support of her party with a robust defence of the government decision to allow British-based F111s to take part in Monday night's air strikes against Libya.

Mrs Thatcher said at the start of a special debate that peaceful means had been tried and had failed. "Terrorism has to be defeated; it cannot be tolerated or side-stepped," she added. But two former prime ministers, Mr Edward Heath and Mr James Callaghan, told the House that they would have rejected a similar request from the United States, and they made a united appeal for action to deal with the root cause of Libyan terrorism - the Palestinian problem.

Mr Neil Kinnock said that without doubt Colonel Gadaffi was a malignancy, but that the Prime Minister had been supine, compliant and subservient in her response to President Reagan.

He said that international strategy could not be built on

instincts of outrage, revenge and reprisal and the way forward would be to punish Gadaffi by means of isolation, "until such time that pressure of commercial, economic, financial, diplomatic and political sanctions squeezed the very life out of the Gaddafi regime."

Mrs Thatcher said that the Government was satisfied from the evidence that Libya bore a wide and heavy responsibility for acts of terrorism. She was careful to protect the integrity of secret intelligence, as she went on to outline Libyan involvement in the Berlin bombing of April 5 and reminded the House of the murder of WPC Fletcher, two years ago today. She also spoke of the discovery of Libyan arms as part of an IRA cache in the Republic of Ireland last January.

The Prime Minister added that the Americans had evidence that their citizens and embassies were being watched by Libyan spies in a number of

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Reprisals against staff feared by UK firms

By Our City Staff

British companies operating in Libya were keeping a low profile yesterday in fear of possible reprisals against staff.

About 83 British companies were operating in Libya before diplomatic relations were broken off two years ago - the last detailed figures available - but many of these have since closed their Tripoli offices. Most of those that have remained service the oil and civil engineering industries.

Massey Ferguson, Britain's largest exporter to Libya, said it had instructed its British staff in Libya to work normal-

ly after consultations with the Foreign Office.

Tripoli airport has been closed to commercial traffic and companies do not have the option of repatriating staff. A spokesman for British Caledonian, which flies three times a week between Gatwick and Tripoli, said: "The whole country is obviously in a siege."

Many of the companies have operated in Libya for up to 20 years and emphasize that they have built up a strong relationship with the country; but they say the situation is difficult.

BBC wants tighter tobacco controls

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The BBC has approached the Government, the Independent Broadcasting Authority, the Sports Council and other sporting bodies seeking tighter restrictions over and possibly a reduction in tobacco sponsorship of televised sport.

The corporation, which televises most tobacco-sponsored televised sport acknowledges that the scale and nature of tobacco sponsorship of sport is placing the corporation in an invidious position.

Critics accuse the BBC of allowing itself to be used to promote cigarettes while the BBC points out that it is not a party to the agreement between the tobacco companies and the Government on sports sponsorship, or to agreements between individual companies and the sports.

In a letter to The Times today, Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, said the BBC "has believed for some time that a complete reassessment of the situation is necessary". He said the Sports Council

was now seeking a phased end to tobacco sponsorship of sport. "The general atmosphere about tobacco sponsorship is beginning to harden up, with the feeling that it is unacceptable and that the way it is being conducted amounts to selling cigarettes. The proof seems to be moving towards that and if that is what is happening we should not be doing it," he said.

Precisely what the BBC is seeking in its contacts with sporting bodies, the IBA and with Mr Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, is not clear. Possibilities would seem to include agreement with sporting bodies sponsored by tobacco companies that they will help the BBC enforce rules on advertising and promotion at televised sports events, and any tougher rules that emerge.

Alternatively, the broadcasting authorities might seek to become part of the agreement. See letters page 13.

Good conduct oath for poly students

By Lucy Hodges

Education Correspondent

All polytechnic students will be required to sign an oath not to disrupt meetings at their colleges under a code of practice being drawn up by polytechnic directors.

The code, which is now in its final draft, shows the directors' concern with the antics of tomato-throwing students who prevent outside speakers, particularly those of a right-wing persuasion, from speaking. Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home

Office, was spat on recently when he tried to address a meeting at Manchester University; Mr Michael Fallon, Conservative MP for Darlington, was beaten up at Sunderland Polytechnic; and Professor John Vincent, historian and columnist for The Sun, had to abandon a lecture and flee at Bristol University.

The proposal from the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics is that any student enrolling will be required to sign an undertaking that he or she will not willfully engage in conduct which prevents, disrupts or obstructs the holding of a meeting.

Some polytechnics, notably the North East London Polytechnic, already require such an oath. It is probably not legally binding (though it is yet to be tested in a court of law) and is more of a moral commitment than a legal one. If implemented, it will be welcomed by Conservative MPs who like to address students. The National Union of Students is, however, opposed. Speaking on the BBC radio Works at One programme yesterday, Mr Phil Woolas,

the NUS president, said: "I think it is potty. We insist on our right not to invite controversial speakers if we believe other views, particularly of ethnic minorities, are being suppressed, or that the good order of a meeting might not be forthcoming." University vice-chancellors have already addressed this issue, which has not met with the approval of many Conservative MPs. They say in certain circumstances vice-chancellors may have to ban meetings.

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Thatcher shows strong management support in prisons dispute

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The central issue in the prisons dispute was management's right to manage, Mrs Thatcher said yesterday in a letter to prison governors.

"That right is absolutely vital to your members and I am sure that they will wish to see it protected," she told leaders of the governors' branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

As prison officers leaders considered taking industrial action, Mrs Thatcher said she had been assured by Mr Hurd, Home Secretary, that senior prison department management was not seeking confrontation. But it would not shirk its responsibilities.

Although Mrs Thatcher added that management was working for further discussions with the Prison Officers' Association, the prison staff are unlikely to find much fresh in her letter, except the strength of her support for the prison department's stance.

There was strong evidence that inflexible working practices and out-moded systems were leading to waste, she said.

Mrs Thatcher said she understood the pressures on staff. But "I am also aware that staff have, in many cases, become used to high earnings through excessive overtime working."

The prison service management had been authorized to work up proposals for new pay arrangements which the Government hoped the association would be prepared to discuss.

The number of prison officers had risen by 18 per cent since 1979 and now stood at its highest level of just under 19,000. During the same period, the average number of prisoners had increased by about 12 per cent. The ratio of staff to prisoners had increased accordingly.

Mrs Thatcher was replying to a letter from the governors' branch which said there was a need to consider allowing the Home Secretary more financial scope. Governors felt it wrong that the service, which was demand led, should be so stringently financed that it was necessary constantly to tread the tightrope between simply coping and utter disaster.

Mr Sidney Powell, secretary

of the governors' branch, said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher's letter would have to be carefully considered by the national executive, but his personal reaction was that there was an imbalance between expenditure devoted to the building programme and that necessary for the ongoing running of the prison service. Whereas the 12 per cent population increase mentioned by Mrs Thatcher meant an additional 5,000 prisoners, the 18 per cent increase in staff was about 2,500 officers.

Mr Chris Train, director general of the prison service, appealed to governors and staff of all establishments in England and Wales yesterday with a hope and a warning. He wants management's strategy for the service to be discussed with the POA and other trade unions, avoiding damaging industrial action.

The letter encloses a statement by Mr Gordon Lakes, the deputy director general, giving reassurance that there should be full consultation on staff safety and views of staff taken into account in management decisions.

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An Irish policeman stands guard outside the Dublin terrace house (far right) in Waterloo Road from which Mrs Jennifer Guinness was released by her kidnappers at dawn yesterday after an all-night siege. Although shots were fired no one was hurt and police praised Mrs Guinness for her coolness throughout the ordeal. For most of her eight-day abduction, Mrs Guinness was held in the detached house (right) in the smart Rathfarnham suburb of Dublin

Shots fired as Guinness siege ends

From Richard Ford, Dublin

The neighbours thought it was a noisy party but the shouting and running outside a city centre flat early yesterday signalled to the kidnappers of Mrs Jennifer Guinness that they were trapped.

Armed police surrounded the building and as the gang of three realized they were cornered, one tried to flee through the overgrown back garden. He fired two shots but the police fired back, but they gave up without a struggle.

In the shooting an upstairs window was smashed at 61 Waterloo Road, on the edge of the smart Ballsbridge suburb of Dublin. The police called out: "Is she OK? There is nothing you can do now. You had better let her go."

The two armed men remaining in the flat produced Mrs Guinness at the window with a pistol held to her head. They yelled: "We've got her. You had better back off or we will blow her head off."

Then Mrs Guinness, at the start of the eighth day of her ordeal, uttered the words her family and the rest of Ireland had been waiting to hear: "I'm all right. I'm all right."

She disappeared from view to emerge as dawn broke, to be embraced by her husband, Mr John Guinness, chairman of the Guinness and Mahon merchant bank, who witnessed the five-and-a-half hour siege.

As she was reunited with her family yesterday, Supt Frank Hanlon said: "Mrs

Guinness was of considerable assistance towards the ending of the incident by her calm demeanour, and the advice she gave to all the parties in the house."

The Irish police and government were delighted that the latest kidnapping had ended without loss of life or payment of the £12 million ransom.

The delicate negotiations to secure the surrender of her kidnappers began almost immediately after police surrounded the flat at 12.45am.

Police at first played a low key, tactically withdrawing some men when it became clear the kidnappers were nervous and panicking at the least movement in the deserted street. Neighbours were told what was happening and were asked not to switch on lights or lean out of windows.

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of the Special Task Force dressed in jeans and anoraks took cover behind parked cars and in the gardens of homes near by.

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Computer secrets 'were left on display'

Secret codes capable of leading to details about customers were left accidentally in British Telecom's Prestel information system, a court was told yesterday.

The classified numbers and passwords belonged to two senior Prestel officials, and enabled users to gain access to computer files. Southwark Crown Court, south London, was told.

The codes were said to have been left displayed on the opening frame seen by callers to one of Prestel's test computers. Mr Michael Mitchinson, a Prestel security officer, told the court that the codes belonged to the systems editor and systems manager.

It is alleged that Mr Robert Schifreen, aged 22, a computer journalist of Edgwarebury Gardens, Edgware, north-west London, came across the blunder by chance and used subscribers' numbers and passwords to penetrate the Prestel system.

Mr Schifreen is said to have admitted that he used the codes. But he added that he had not used information received for gain, merely to write an article.

It is further alleged that he passed on the information to Stephen Gold, aged 30, of Warr Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, who also obtained unauthorized access into Prestel computers.

Mr Mitchinson said that he found several thousand restricted information frames on a data monitoring device attached to Mr Schifreen's home telephone. Mr Schifreen denies five charges of forgery and Mr Gold four similar charges.

The hearing continues today.

Teacher died of overdose

A teacher at a leading public school died from a drink and drugs overdose shortly after telling his wife he could not face going to school again, an inquest at Oxford was told yesterday.

Mr Christopher James Dixon, aged 48, head of English at Radley College, near Oxford, had a history of mental illness and had previously tried to take his own life, the inquest was told. An open verdict was recorded.

The hearing continues today.

3 dead in shooting at house

A man aged 72 was critically ill in a Birmingham hospital yesterday after his wife and two sons were found shot dead at their home.

Mrs Lilian Hadley, who was in her sixties, and her sons, Ronald, a disabled police victim, aged about 40, and Keith, aged 22, were found dead at their home in Delreue Road, Shirley, near Solihull, West Midlands, early yesterday.

Her husband, Mr Ronald Hadley, was found lying on the floor by the police who broke into the house after neighbours heard shots. He had a severe gunshot wound to the head.

The police said that a shotgun was found in the house. They were not looking for anybody else in connection with the shooting. It was clearly a domestic incident.

Jail solicitor over threats, QC says

Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, asked the High Court to jail Mr Peter Martin, a senior London solicitor, for making improper threats, in an attempt to stop a private prosecution brought by a barrister.

The threats, contained in correspondence, were "calculated to interfere with the administration of justice," and amounted to contempt of court, Mr David Eady, QC, for the Attorney General, said yesterday.

Mr Martin, a specialist in aviation law, made the threats to Mr David Ashton, a barrister with chambers in King's Bench Walk, Inner Temple, London.

Mr Ashton had started a private prosecution against clients of Mr Martin's firm, Frere Cholmeley, in connection with the alleged unlawful

low flying of a helicopter over his chambers in March 1984.

Mr Eady said the prosecution was, in fact, not proceeded with, because an agreement was reached between the two sides in February 1985.

The first threat, which was soon withdrawn, was that the whole matter would be drawn to the attention of the Inner Temple authorities if Mr Ashton's prosecution failed.

The second was that proceedings would be brought against Mr Ashton himself for starting a "malicious prosecution."

Mr Mark Littman, QC, for Mr Martin, denied there had been a contempt of court.

Mr Littman said Mr Martin did not go beyond his duty to represent his clients "fearlessly".

Judgement was reserved.

Police seeking murder clue in kidnap case

The arrest of three men in the Irish Republic after the siege that ended the Guinness kidnap may have provided a breakthrough for police investigating the murder of a Yorkshire police sergeant two years ago.

West Yorkshire detectives are expected to fly to Ireland today to interview two of the men, Mr Anthony Kelly, aged 43, and Mr John Cunningham, both formerly of Leeds, about the shooting of Police Sergeant John Speed during an attempted robbery of a Leeds sub-post office in 1984.

The two men are among seven people in the Irish Republic being sought in connection with 18 armed robberies in Yorkshire over 10 years, involving a total of £1 million.

It is understood that, although Mr Kelly and Mr

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Striking printers offered £15m deal

By Michael Horsnell

Striking print workers dismissed by News International were offered a new compensation package last night in an attempt to settle the 12-week dispute over the company's move to its new printing plant at Wapping, east London.

The package, which is tied to News International's original offer to the print unions of a free hand at printing a new national newspaper at its previous printing plant in Gray's Inn Road, would mean ex gratia payments up to £15 million in total for those workers not employed by the proposed paper.

The proposals were put to print union leaders at a secret meeting in London by Mr Bruce Matthews, managing director of News International. He gave the unions, which had called the meeting through the Trades Union Congress to put forward their own proposals, 21 days to accept.

The company is continuing to propose that the unions nominate a publisher willing to launch a new newspaper from the Gray's Inn Road premises, but it has dropped the suggestion that it should necessarily be a trade union oriented project.

If it should be a non-Labour paper, News International would retain ownership of the building, from which *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* were formerly published, but would lease it at a nominal rent. The building is valued at up to £15 million on the open market but its printing facilities have a replacement value of £60 million.

The remainder of the 6,000 workers, dismissed after they went on strike in January, who are not employed by the new proprietor would receive ex gratia payments equivalent to statutory minimum redundancy terms.

That would mean half a week's pay for each year of service for former employees aged 18-22, one week's pay for those aged 22-41 and one and a half weeks' pay for those aged 41-65. The deal would mean £10,000 compensation for a print worker aged 40 earning £24,000 a year who had completed 20 years' service.

Mr Matthews put forward News International's plan after the unions had submitted revised outline proposals which would gain them entry to the Wapping plant and union recognition, suggestions which the company has resisted strongly.

He said last night: "Our staff went on strike but we are ready to offer this money as ex gratia payment to cover hardship. This would amount to a maximum sum of £15 million."

"The unions will have 21 days from today to indicate their acceptance of this new offer."

He added: "We are disappointed that after making the original offer of Gray's Inn Road to the unions one has come back to us for a serious in-depth discussion about any of the aspects on offer."

"We said at our last meeting that we would make the management of our organization available to give advice and assistance as to how the plant would operate and how to get a new paper off the ground, but no one from the TUC or the Labour movement or the print unions has come to us for further explanation or a feasibility study."

The print unions' proposals would effectively end the traditional chapel (office branch) domination of newspaper plants. The four production unions say they are prepared to form in its place a News International National Joint Committee to cover all News International plants which would hold sole rights of negotiation with the company.

Recognition rights at Wapping would be invested in the committee, not in the individual unions.

Mr Matthews commented: "The company reserves its position on this document and will respond later. It is a complicated matter bearing in mind the structure of labour already in the plant."

Little confidence in Reagan attack

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American warplanes.

Sizeable numbers of people would back direct action against Libya by Britain, but would prefer blockades by air and sea to the use of British forces.

MORI found that roughly equal numbers, about 28 per cent, favoured military blockades. Only 5 per cent would support the use of British planes attacking Libya.

Reaction against the Americans appears to have spilled over into a loss of reputation and support for Mrs Thatcher.

Compared with MORI's most recent study of voting intentions and satisfaction with political leaders, Mrs Thatcher has lost rather more than the Conservative Party, and both Mr Neil Kinnock and the Labour Party have clearly gained.

In late March Mrs Thatcher disapproved 61 per cent of people. Now that figure is 68 per cent. Mr Kinnock by comparison disapproves fewer and his approval rating has increased from 32 per cent to 45 per cent.

The fortunes of the Conservative Party do not seem to have suffered.

Labour's approval rate has increased, but the Alliance seems to have suffered, probably from the effects of its third place in the Falmouth by-election.

The questions and responses were as follows.

Do you think President Reagan was right or wrong to order the bombing of Libya on Tuesday night in reaction to Libya's support given to terrorists?

Right 29
Wrong 66
No opinion 5

Do you think that Mrs Thatcher was right or wrong to give President Reagan permission for American bombers to fly from British bases to participate in the attack on Libya?

Right 25
Wrong 71
No opinion 4

What actions, if any, do you think the British Government should take against Libya to counteract Libyan support for terrorism?

-Economic sanctions 57
-Blockade of Libyan ports 27
-Air blockade of Libyan airfields 28
-Encourage other European countries to withdraw diplomatic recognition of Libya 57
-Allow further use of British bases for US warplanes to attack Libya 13
-Use British airbases to attack Libyan targets 8
-None of these 5
-Don't know 7

Do you think the bombing of Libya will increase the likelihood of terrorist backed attacks of Libya in Britain, decrease the likelihood or make no difference?

Increase 84
Decrease 4
No difference 12

Finally, how much confidence do you have in the American Government to deal wisely with the Libyan situation over the next few weeks. Have you?

A great deal of confidence 18
A fair amount of confidence 8
A little confidence 28
No confidence at all 43
No opinion 3

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Deaths from whooping cough may be six times higher than thought

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Deaths from whooping cough may be between two and six times higher than the official figures, the British Paediatric Association was told yesterday.

Between 1977 and 1983 at least another 50 and perhaps as many as 260 babies aged under one may have died from whooping cough without displaying all the classic symptoms of the disease, in a period when only 54 deaths were officially recorded, according to a study by Dr Angus Nicholl, a lecturer in child health at Nottingham University.

In a few cases the extra deaths may have been recorded as cot deaths, and in others as due to respiratory disease, he told the BPA's annual scientific meeting in York.

Dr Nicholl began his study when laboratory tests showed that a few babies in Nottingham who died or nearly died

had been infected by whooping cough without displaying the classic symptoms of paroxysms of coughing and the distinctive whoop.

When he compared national statistics for cot deaths and respiratory disease with whooping cough cases, which occur in four-yearly epidemics, he and colleagues found a significant rise in both cot and respiratory deaths in babies during the whooping cough epidemics.

"We checked on a whole gamut of other infections and on changes in the weather, but none of them could explain the differences the way whooping cough could," he said.

"The study covered babies aged under one year, but the largest number of extra deaths occurred between one and four months when children are too young to be vaccinated, but can still be exposed to whooping cough."

The only way to protect such children, he said, was to ensure that older children, who can be protected against the disease by a course of three vaccinations given from the age of three months, are in fact vaccinated.

But only about two in every three children are vaccinated and whooping cough cases are running at about 600 a week in the present epidemic. More than 11,000 children have been infected in 1986, with five deaths since the middle of last year.

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Child sex abuse widespread

Doctors, social workers, teachers and others are not aware of "the vast majority of sexual abuse in children" which is much more widespread than has been realized, the association was told.

Dr James Wynne, a consultant paediatrician at Leeds General Infirmary, said that until 1983 about 10 children a year were being referred to paediatricians as a result of suspected sexual abuse.

But in 1984, with greater awareness, 50 children were seen and last year 156 children were referred with an average age of eight-and-a-half.

Among the 113 girls and 43 boys a definite diagnosis of sexual abuse was made in 104 cases, Dr Wynne told the

BPA's annual scientific meeting in York. "This increase is not just a result of greater awareness of the problem by those who work with children, but our growing ability to talk to children and examine them more effectively," she said.

"One of us realizes that children we have seen before may have been the victims of unrecognized sexual abuse," she said. "Figures from the United States show that one in three children has some sort of sexual experience such as being flashed at, one in 10 has something more serious and one in 100 suffers incest. We are missing the vast majority of sexual abuse if these figures are correct, and we think they are."

Paediatricians in particular had to be more alert, she said. Studies suggest that 18 per cent of children who have been physically abused have also been sexually abused, with suspicion in another 18 per cent of cases. However, Dr Wynne said paediatricians at Leeds get very few referrals from their colleagues in other hospitals.

The Leeds figures show that in 96 per cent of cases the sexual abuse came from someone known to the child. "Our figures reinforce the belief that child sexual abuse is common and under-diagnosed," Dr Wynne said, and resources had to be found to provide long-term help.



Hugging two fourth-form classmates, Lizz Parlett (left) and Emily Richardson (right), Olga Peters, aged 14, could not hold back her joy at returning yesterday to her old school in Saffron Walden, Essex.

"It is really a very emotional moment. I am so pleased to be back," she said at The Friends' School, a Quaker co-educational school.

She returned to Britain from Moscow on Tuesday night and was driven to the school yesterday by Soviet Embassy officials from London.

She said she had persistently asked her mother, Svetlana, if she could return to Britain from the moment they flew to the Soviet Union nearly two years ago.

Olga denied rumours that she was unhappy in the Soviet Union and yesterday talked about life in Georgia and meeting her relatives (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Homosexual clue to boys' deaths

Detectives are investigating a possible link between the murder of two schoolboys and a savage homosexual attack on a boy aged six in Brighton three years ago.

Links with other child abductions have not been ruled out.

Scotland Yard and Essex police believe the same man is responsible for murdering Barry Lewis, aged six, and Jason Swift, aged 14, who were both dragged before being suffocated.

The boys' bodies were discovered five months ago, six miles apart, in the Essex countryside. The police suspect the killer is a homosexual who could strike again.

Detectives believed the deaths could be linked after forensic tests showed that both the dead boys had been given the same drug and had died from asphyxiation.

Both bodies were found lying naked in a similar position and no clothing was recovered.

Yesterday a joint investigation, codenamed "Operation Stranger" was launched. It will be linked by "Holmes", a Home Office computer, which will help 100 detectives analyse information.

The investigation has already spread to Brighton, where a possible link between the serious sex attack on a boy aged six in August 1983 has not been ruled out.

'Too easy' credit is leading to bad debts

By Robin Young

Advertising by the credit industry tempts people to underestimate the cost of loans, and has contributed to a crisis in which at least half a million people have outstanding debts of £1,200 each, the chairman of the National Consumer Council said yesterday.

Mr Michael Montague told the annual meeting of the Credit Management Study Group in Coventry that respectable banks as well as disreputable loan "sharks" were guilty of persuading people to take on commitments that they could not afford.

It was the combination of low income and unexpected disaster, such as redundancy, illness, or marital break-up, that most commonly led to debt, he said, but there were also cases of reckless and irresponsible lending.

Mr Montague suggested that one method of discouraging reckless lending would be to take into account the credit grantor's behaviour in considering whether a debt need ever be repaid, should the matter come to court.

He criticized advertisements offering instant loans without making it clear that homes would be security.

The Credit Management Study Group said later: "The National Consumer Council's own surveys suggest that no more than 1 per cent of credit transactions turn into bad debts."

It added: "Mr Montague himself acknowledged that such prosperity as there is in this country is founded on consumer spending that would be impossible without the use of credit." The Finance Houses' Association said: "Mr Montague did welcome a publication of ours as showing a constructive attitude toward consumer debt problems."

Portfolio Gold

Champagne flowed at the Arena Health Club in Great Russell Street, London, yesterday after the manager, Mr Michael Foskett, checked his Portfolio Gold Card and discovered he was one of two lucky winners of the daily £4,000 share-price competition prize.

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Mr Foskett: Made sure he got The Times.

'Cowboy' rapist gets 10 years

A man who stalked tourists in central London dressed as a cowboy and raped two Swedish tourists was jailed for 10 years yesterday at the Central Criminal Court.

Muhammad Insanally, aged 34, unemployed, of Mount Pleasant Road, Tottenham, north London, was convicted of three charges of rape, one of indecent assault, and two of theft. He was also convicted of falsely imprisoning one of the victims.

Mr Peter Clarke, for the prosecution, said that Insanally picked up the first victim aged 21 in Leicester Square, and the other, an au pair, aged 17, in Covent Garden.

Holding a knife, he forced each victim to have drinks with him before taking them to St James's Park.

Mr Clarke said that after raping the woman aged 21 he took her to a flat in north London where he kept her all night and raped her four or five times.

Insanally claimed that both victims were attracted to him. They liked his clothes - a black hat, a crimson waistcoat, mauve jeans, knee-high boots and studded belt. He said that both agreed to have sexual intercourse.

Woolworth sheds 1,300 workers

By Derek Harris

Woolworth is closing 23 of its high street stores by July, with the loss of about 1,300 jobs, of which about half are part-time, because of its change in retailing strategy.

Talks are now going on with the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw), which is critical of the move because Woolworth profits showed a big improvement in the past financial year. Woolworth has halted recruitment at other stores so there will be scope for job transference.

Woolworth said yesterday that the stores were being closed and put up for sale because they did not fit into the new retailing strategy for the high street chain. The stores will concentrate on six key areas, with some lines such as adult clothing and food eliminated.

Mr Nigel Whittaker, a Woolworth director, said: "In some towns, Brighton being an example, we have more than one store. There are 14 in declining suburbs, and two London stores are in Holborn and the Strand where there is no real Saturday trade, so these do not fit into our aim to stimulate weekend family shopping."

In other places stores are being closed because of relocation.

When the further 23 outlets have gone, Woolworth will be down to about 815 stores from about 850, and selling space will be reduced by 3.2 per cent to 8.5 million square feet.

Eight of the new closures are in London, the other six being at Forest Hill, Harrow Road, Lambeth, Lewisham, Tottenham and Woolwich. There are three in bigger provincial centres at Manchester, Birmingham (at the Bullring) and Nottingham.

Patients throw away £150m of medicines

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A board of medicines, worth up to £150 million, was "dumped" every year by patients who did not take the medications that doctors prescribed, according to a report published today.

Campaigns to collect unwanted drugs yielded between £10 and £25 million worth a year, but the real figure including medicines thrown out by patients was certain to be much higher, the report in *The Best of Health* magazine says.

A two-week campaign in Kent, for example, had brought 4.7 million tablets and 316 litres of liquid medicine.

"This huge waste is increasingly being seen as an acute mismatch between what doctors feel they are able or expected to do for patients and patients' actual needs."

The reasons some patients did not take the medicines included worries about side effects, the report says. But patients should tell their doctors so that the cost of unused drugs to the National Health Service was reduced.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, which monitors the "dump" campaigns, expressed its concern yesterday: "We are unhappy about the large amounts of medicines which undoubtedly are kept on shelves or medicine cabinets in very many homes, not least because of the risks they pose to children who may be tempted to take them."

The society has called for tighter controls on the amounts of drugs prescribed and for closer monitoring by general practitioners of "repeat" prescriptions.

Work as usual

Mrs Thatcher yesterday announced that there will be no public holiday on July 23, the date of the royal wedding. The decision was denounced by Mr Nicholas Waterton, Tory MP for Macclesfield, who described the decision as "spoilsport and killjoy".

Pleas dropped

Two London men, Michael McAvoy, aged 34, and Brian Robinson, aged 42, have abandoned attempts to win permission to appeal against their 25-year jail sentences for involvement in a £26 million raid on a Heathrow Airport warehouse.

Solicitors do well in survey

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Nine out of 10 people who use a solicitor are satisfied with the service they receive, and two out of three think the fee charged is reasonable, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey also shows that although solicitors are not regarded in the same esteem as doctors, they are looked on more favourably than accountants or estate agents.

But the survey is not entirely comforting for the profession: it shows that overall, although most people would choose a solicitor for a house transaction or a will, young people are increasingly inclined to look elsewhere.

Commissioned by the Law Society from Research Surveys of Great Britain, the survey is based on a sample of 1,688 adults in England and Wales.

Most people, 70 per cent, who use a solicitor do so for conveyancing work; some 27 per cent for wills and trusts, and 14 per cent for divorces or separations. Of those who were aware that other sources of advice on conveyancing existed, some 57 per cent claimed they would still prefer to use a solicitor.

But that was less so among the younger age groups, those aged 16 to 29, where there was also greater awareness of other sources of advice. Some 25 per cent of that group said they would choose an estate agent, and 13 per cent a building society.

Of those who were aware that there were alternative sources of advice on wills and trusts, 69 per cent claimed they would first choose a solicitor for that service, as opposed to only 12 per cent who would choose a bank.

Nine out of 10 people who have used a solicitor (65 per cent of those questioned) were satisfied with the service, and 63 per cent very satisfied.

The most frequent complaint among all users was that solicitors take too long (35 per cent); followed by inefficiency or incompetence (28 per cent). Two-thirds thought they had been charged a reasonable fee, and only 10 per cent that they had been charged too much.

On the personal characteristics of solicitors, the survey shows that solicitors were considered generally to be the most conscientious and easy to understand among professionals after doctors and bank managers.

But against that, after estate agents, they were the profession people thought to be most mercenary and "mainly after your money".

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Terrorism cannot be tolerated or sidestepped - Thatcher

COMMONS

The United States informed the Soviet Union that limited military action was being taken which was in no way directed against the USSR. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in opening the Commons debate on the air attacks upon Libya. She dismissed the proposition that the Russians of the meeting planned for next month between the Soviet foreign minister and the US Secretary of State as a ritual gesture.

If the Soviet Union is really interested in arms control (she went on) it will release senior ministerial contacts before the meeting.

When the Government decided to support American military action taken in self-defence against terrorist targets in Libya, it was aware of the wider issues and people's fears, she said. Terrorism attacked free societies and played on those fears. If those tactics succeeded terrorism would be able to recruit the public so well that it would be difficult to resist.

Terrorism (she continued) has to be defeated. It cannot be tolerated or side-stepped. When

other ways and methods have failed - I am the first to wish they had succeeded - it is right that the terrorist should know that firm steps will be taken to deter him from attacking either other people or his own people, who have taken refuge in countries which are free.

US action was conducted against five specific targets directly connected with terrorism. It would be for the US Government to publish its assessment of the results.

The casualties were a matter of great sorrow. Also, women, men, women and children who had lost their lives as a result of terrorism.

It was necessary to be extremely careful about publishing detailed material of this kind. To do so could jeopardize sources on which British continues to rely for vital information. But the Government was satisfied from the evidence that Libya bore a wide and heavy responsibility for acts of terrorism.

For example, there was evidence showing that on March 25, a week before the recent Beirut bombing, instructions were sent from Tripoli to the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin to conduct a terrorist attack on the Americans. On April 4 the bureau alerted Tripoli that the attack would be carried out the following morning and on April 5 it reported to Tripoli that the operation had been carried out successfully.

The bomb which killed two people and injured 230 exploded in the early hours of that same morning.

It was beyond doubt that Libya provided the Provisional IRA with many of their weapons. The major find of arms at Sligo, in the Irish Republic, on January 26, the largest ever on the island, included rifles and ammunition from Libya.

On April 4 an attempt to attack the US Embassy in Beirut, known to have been undertaken on Libyan Government instructions, failed when the rocket exploded on launch. The Americans had evidence that US citizens were being followed and assassinated in countries spread across the world.

There is (she said) other specific evidence of Libyan involvement in past acts of terrorism and in plans for future acts of terrorism, but I cannot give details because they would endanger lives and make it more difficult to apprehend the terrorists.

Yesterday many MPs referred to the need to give priority to measures other than military. The fact was that neither international condemnation nor peaceful pressure over the years had deterred Libya from promoting and carrying out acts of terrorism.

It was against this remorseless background of terrorist atrocities and restrained peaceful response that the case for military action under the inherent right of self-defence to deter planned Libyan terrorist attacks against American targets was raised.

President Reagan (she said) informed us last week that the US intended to take such action. He sought our support under the consultation arrangements which have continued under successive Governments for over 30 years. He also sought our agreement to the use of US aircraft based in this country. Our agreement was necessary.

In the exchanges which followed she raised a number of questions and concerns. There were risks in what was proposed. Many of them had been raised in the House and elsewhere since the action took place. She pondered them closely with the

ministers most closely concerned. Decisions like this were never easy.

We also had to consider (she said) the wider implications, including our relations with other countries and the further weight the importance for our security of our alliance with the United States and the American role in the defence of Europe.

After replying to the President's assurance that the operation would be limited to clearly defined targets related to terrorism, Mrs Thatcher told MPs she understood there were no other FBI aircraft stationed in Europe and that had Britain refused permission for the use of these aircraft, the American operation would still have taken place but more lives would have been lost.

It had been suggested that as a result of further Libyan terrorism, the United States might feel constrained to act again.

I earnestly hope that such a contingency will not arise (she said) but in my exchanges with the President, I reserved the position of the United Kingdom on any question of further action which might be more general or

less clearly directed against terrorism.

Moreover it is clearly understood between President Reagan and myself that if there was any question of using US aircraft based in this country in further action, that would be the subject of a new approach to the United Kingdom under the joint consultation arrangements.

Some MPs had questioned whether the US action would be effective in stopping terrorism or, instead, quicken the cycle of violence in the Middle East. But violence in the Middle East had already taken a great many lives since it started long ago.

It has not been so much a cycle of violence (she said) but one-sided campaigns of killing and maiming by ruthless terrorists, many with close connections with Libya. The response of the countries whose citizens have been attacked has not so far stopped that campaign. Indeed, one has to ask whether it has not been the failure to act in self-defence which has encouraged state-sponsored terrorism.

Firm and decisive action may

make those who continue to practise terrorism as a policy think again.

It had been suggested that the action would only build up Colonel Gaddafi's prestige and support in the Arab world. In the short-term we must expect statements of support for him from other Arab countries, but she wondered how profound or durable that support would be.

But moderate Arab governments, moderate governments everywhere, have nothing to gain from seeing Colonel Gaddafi build up power and influence by persisting in policies of violence and terror.

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US action more likely to provoke terrorism

KINNOCK

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said the House was in the view that terrorism was evil and cowardly in any case. It was a question of who loathed terrorism most but of what should be done about it. It was this benchmark against which the American actions must be judged.

They must judge Mr Reagan and the Prime Minister on the effectiveness of the action they had jointly taken. Mr Reagan had said the purpose was to bring down the curtain on Gaddafi's reign of terror.

I do not believe (Mr Kinnock said) there is anyone who can seriously believe that that objective has been or will be achieved by violence. The use of such force does not punish terrorism. It will not prevent terrorism. Indeed, it is much more likely to provoke and expand terrorism.

There was some Conservative laughter when Mr Kinnock cautioned those who allowed their judgement to run solely on the evidence made available to the Prime Minister and others.

Nobody needed convincing, he continued, about the criminality of Gaddafi and those who put their whole weight of judgement on the evidence of a particular series of atrocities and planned atrocities were in danger of falling into the trap of saying that the response to the evidence must be bombing raids. That was to say that international law could be put aside.

The response was the opposite of what President Reagan intended. Gaddafi was without doubt a malignancy. No one could seriously doubt his involvement in sponsoring and financing terrorism throughout the world. But as a consequence of the action of the United States in the last few days, Gaddafi had a degree of support even from moderate Arab states which had previously regarded him with unrestrained hostility.

By the same means and for the same reasons for the influence of the United States and Great Britain had been diminished. From European and Commonwealth allies had been heard statements of condemnation which would have been unthinkable a short time ago.

British policy had always been to stop short of responding to terrorism with the might of armed force, with the might of the American attack on Monday night. It was not because Britain was supine, passive or because it cringed before terrorism. It was

certainly not because Britain had not been provoked. Britain had not struck back with bombs because while the first step might be relatively easy, it could lead into conflict and all consequent steps backward from conflict produced impossible difficulties.

This policy of rationality and restraint was the right policy. Now it could and should be strengthened, especially in the case of Libya, which was known to be a haven for terrorists. There should be strong commercial and financial sanctions. Now it was an unprecedented opportunity of making this effective against Colonel Gaddafi.

The way was now made much more difficult by a decision of the Prime Minister within the House to be a compliant accomplice rather than a candid ally of the President of the United States. She had not shown solidarity with Britain's ally. She had shown subservience to the United States President.

She was wrong to give in to United States pressure on this occasion. She was wrong to believe that the F111s were necessary for the operation or capable of reducing the casualties. She was wrong to depart from the commonsense and legality of British policy against terrorism. She was wrong to neglect the impact of this action on the moderate Arab states. She was wrong to disregard the reservations of Britain's European allies.

Everyone understood the frustration of and resentment of the American President and people at terrorist attacks. Every one of us is completely familiar with the instinct of revenge. But we know that the world cannot be run on the basis of that instinct.

The Prime Minister had been wrong to give support to the action of reprisal which arose

from the sense of rage and outrage of the American President. That was not merely the view of the Opposition; it was the view of the international law. She had given her interpretation of international law as self-defence.

We have listened but we are not convinced (he said). We can say that however much the Prime Minister believed in her interpretation, she could find no recognized authority outside the immediate ranks of her own party to support her view.

The Prime Minister who said the international law had evolved in a different age and that it must now be stretched to deal with it. He counselled against that, not from any reluctance to act against terrorism, but because of the impracticability of hitting back at terrorism with military force and because of the inhumanity resulting from the killing and maiming of innocent neighbours of terrorists.

Where were the terrorists? They were hidden away in farms and tenements of Ireland and Beirut, the Punjab and even in the quiet suburbs of European cities.

If we are to set our hand to a strategy of reprisals (he said) it will provoke not prevent terrorism. And any pause to that strategy would be seen as irresolution or weakness and that would then encourage them to further atrocities.

This strategy led to a trap; either doing too much or never doing enough. It would not be a strategy; it would be a snare.

He urged the Prime Minister to resume the course of commonsense and legality. There was only one effective policy for her to pursue, that was to return to their European allies and partners and urge them to adopt comprehensive sanctions that were the only way to isolate Col Gaddafi.

She could still repair the damage she had caused and if she pursued a course of securing combined and coordinated sanctions, she would have the support of the Opposition.

It was an essential change because she had not been strong; she had been supine in her support of President Reagan. She had not acted in the interests of Britain; she had isolated it from allies and from moderate leaders in the Middle East.

She had also damaged the long-standing, wise anti-terrorist policy; she had defended British citizens she had placed them in great jeopardy.

That is why (he said) her policy has been and will be rejected by the British people. They know she could have won justice nor success on her side.

Action will breed fanaticism

STEEL

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said no one would doubt the desirability of the Prime Minister having been difficult but it had been wrong.

The easiest way of coming to that conclusion was to draw up a balance sheet of gains and losses incurred as a result of the action taken.

The first loss was that a great many people had, unhappily, been killed and it had been wrong for the Prime Minister to assume that all the terrorist acts had been inspired by Libya.

Secondly, Britain was now exposed to further terrorist attacks both on its citizens in Libya and in this country. The Prime Minister appeared to misunderstand the nature of terrorism. To have a terrorist, first hand to be a fanatic. To breed terrorism they had to breed fanaticism.

My great fear (he said) is that this action will breed fanaticism not just in Libya but throughout the Middle East.

Also on the debit side, Britain had angered her allies. Not one other member of the European Community supported Britain's view and some were rather more close to the situation.

The action had also resulted in the postponement of the American-Soviet peace talks and had also boosted the standing of Gaddafi both internally and externally in the Middle East.

Mr Cranley Owsley (Woking, C) said Libyan exiles in this country protested against the public flogging of the Gaddafi regime of 16-year-old boys.

We were targets (he continued) because people in our country, exercising the freedoms that we cherish, dared to protest against that atrocity.

What has happened (he went on) has brought us face to face with some very unpleasant realities. We are in a situation where we could be neutral. We would have found it impossible looking at ourselves in the mirror to retain our self-respect if we had prevented our best and oldest ally from justified action in defence of its own citizens.

Mr Kenneth Weetch (Ipswich, Lab) said the important question which should be before the House was to make a sober appraisal of the consequences for British foreign policy of this military adventurism. The major foreign policy objective in this area was to prevent the penetration of Soviet influence throughout the Middle East.

The net result on those policies of developments in the past 24 hours was to cut out the Arab world. In the second place, American and British influence had almost overnight reached a critically low level in the region. The relationships in Nato and the EEC had been fractured.

Sir Patrick Wall (Beverly, C) said if Gaddafi was no longer there, President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher would have been fully justified and Mr Kinnock and Mr Steel would look rather stupid.

A 'No' from Heath and Callaghan

FORMER PMs

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that there was room for differences of assessment in the matter. There were also lessons of history to be drawn upon and they had to be kept in mind to keep the oil going to Europe, although that was not publicised at the time.

Because of the influence such events could have on the Arab world, he could not come to the conclusion that the action would destroy terrorism.

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It was essential to use all their resources in intelligence and law in order to stop terrorism. Some European countries had been successful, but Britain had not been in Northern Ireland, although it had never been suggested Britain should bomb IRA camps in the west of Ireland.

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Mr Heath has no obligation on the Prime Minister, either morally or implied, in the terms of the Truman-Atlee agreement which would have required Mrs Thatcher to give her consent to the difficult decision they did. There were risks involved and he was satisfied every reasonable step was taken to limit the damage, not totally successfully.

The Prime Minister had acted with courage and also with balance and foresight and he would be voting for her tonight.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said there was very little support abroad, in this country or in this House for what the Government had done. There were three objections: fear of Libyan reprisals; fear that this would damage British interests; and a sense of outrage at what was done and the deaths of those in Tripoli.

Why did the Prime Minister agree to the use of the bases? Was it because of the Falklands war? There was a debt to discharge. Britain did not win

the Falklands war by sending the sea force but because the American satellite system informed the British where the Argentines were. The Prime Minister had an absolutely overwhelming obligation to pay the price for the support.

Could the Prime Minister have refused the President's request? That was the question that had to be answered and only about three members of the House knew the answer.

Had the time not come to consider closing all the American bases in Britain, not just the nuclear ones which were already Labour policy? For it had been the use of conventional forces which posed the threat which Britain now faced.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said that for years the civilized world had suffered from terrorism engendered from Tripoli. Britain could not have acted by itself but at last the Americans had done it and Britain should rejoice that they had.

People might say that there were better ways of doing it. As a veteran of the Special Operations Executive, he would rather have done it subversively or covertly but they could not break a police state unless they broke its infrastructure.

The thing must be seen through, otherwise the consequences could be very serious.

There had to be a realistic policy to deal with terrorism not just by the Mafia or a gang, but terrorism organized by a state. Two Arab-bombing attacks followed on Britain's previous policy. He did not want to see the same again. Appeasement did not pay.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP) said that it appeared that if they were less pliable they would carry more influence with the Americans. It was the fate of all satellites to be treated with contempt.

There would no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian problem had been dealt with. The Prime Minister should announce that the Government did not intend to allow the use of British bases for further attack.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C) said anybody with the smallest knowledge of recent history in the Middle East must understand the utter futility of opposing terror with counter-terror. Instead of merely denouncing Gaddafi, the US should look at its own policies and actions. It was no good being the sheriff in the Middle East and a rustler in Central America.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said terrorism had many definitions. What about the state terrorism of the US government? Reagan was one of the biggest international terrorists alive today. Was it not a form of terrorism to kill and maim ordinary men and women in Libya as had happened two nights ago?

Mr Winston Churchill (Devonport, C) said by their action the US had sent a clear and powerful message to all those states who backed and master-minded terrorism that they would no longer rely on the western nations to turn the other cheek when next they slaughtered innocent civilians.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) said it was time this country demonstrated that it was not prepared to agree to every act of an impatient old man.

Sir Ian Percival (Southport, C) said terrorism thrived on people doing nothing. It must be music to the ears of terrorists to hear people say they must not get involved.

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TAKEOVERS

The Government has consistently followed a policy of referrals of takeovers and mergers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission primarily to ensure that the public interest had been taken into account.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during questions in the Commons to outline Government policy. Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) with the takeovers recently, in keeping jobs or expanding jobs, and percentage concentration of production, there is need for clarification.

There is all the difference in the world between getting takeovers and mergers for reasons of

improving management, building up assets, genuine investment and increasing employment, and those which are largely financial. The latter may be just for financial reasons, asset stripping, and City rapaciousness which gives the business a bad name and undermines confidence in the stock market.

Mr Channon said that the Government was not prepared to alienate the Middle East or the

future of the Palestinians and to determine attempt to solve that problem.

We should not be further involved in the bombing of Libya (he said).

The argument that this was not a Nato situation was powerful. This should not be escalated into further conflict in the Middle East.

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plans for such investigations. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) The spirit of takeovers and mergers is offensive to many and has no logic or justification in terms of benefit to the consumer.

Will he consider a change in competition policy in order to make a sense of the machinery more streamlined?

Mr Channon: There is a case for a general review of competition policy which may cover merger policy as well. I do not accept what he says about the recent state of mergers. The Government has followed a consistent policy which is in the long-term interests of all concerned.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: The public are puzzled at the Government's lax and complacent view of merger ma-

nia proceeding apace in this country.

It is not characteristic of the present state of affairs that companies are driven to take short-term profits instead of long-term investment?

Mr Channon: He will not expect me to agree. The volume of total investment in this country has risen to £20 billion, which includes business investment which rose to an all-time high also last year.

Parliament today

Commons: (2.30) Debate on Alliance motion on education. Debate on SNP and Plaid Cymru motion on regional policy. Lords: (3) Education Bill, committee, third day.

John is not

Dartington to close after scandals and bad publicity

By Colin Hughes

Three years of scandal and bad publicity have forced the trustees of Dartington Hall to announce the closure next year of one of Britain's most expensive private schools.

Dr Brian Nicholson, the headmaster, has written to parents saying that the trustees can no longer sustain losses of several hundred thousand pounds a year. It will shut after examinations in summer next year, although the trustees plan to relaunch at a later, undecided date.

Pupil numbers at Dartington have halved to only 100 since 1983, when Dr Lyn Blackshaw, then headmaster, disclosed that children were abusing the progressive principles of the school, and indulging in under-age sexual activity, drugs and petty theft. He and his wife were subsequently forced to resign after it was, in turn, disclosed that they had posed for nude

pictures published in soft-porn magazines.

In July 1984, Miss Cathy Pelly, a pupil, aged 16, and heiress to part of the Clark's shoes fortune, drowned in mysterious circumstances while bathing naked in a pool in the school grounds. An inquest recorded an open verdict.

Early last year, teaching jobs were reduced by one-third and the junior and senior schools amalgamated to reflect the slump in pupil numbers.

Yesterday, Dr Nicholson said that parents who had remained loyal to the school were "naturally upset and angry, but mostly sympathetic and understanding" about the decision. He and the trustees will meet parents this weekend to seek ways of enabling those due to sit examinations next year to complete their courses.

He added: "There is no question about the education-



Mr. Brian Nicholson, headmaster of Dartington School

al qualities of the school, which have been developing well recently, but the financial projections and projections of pupil numbers read like something out of Kafka. "Next year the school's management is predicting only 15 sixth-form pupils, and estimates it would take four to five years of heavy losses before the school could pay its way again."

In his letter he wrote: "Very

public damage to the school in recent years is continuing to blight recruitment. The trustees have continued to support the school at great cost. But it is borne in on us that sustaining the school in its present form is no longer an option."

The decision signals the end of a 60-year history at the forefront of progressive private education, although Dr Nicholson, who took over at

Dartington in April last year, says the trustees plan a revival of the school, returning to its original principle of a liberal cultural education, based on experience as much as academic study. "Their commitment to the founder's ideals remains as strong as ever."

The Dartington estate was bought by Leonard and Dorothy Elmirst in 1925, using her American fortune, setting

up the school a year later on principles borrowed from the writings of Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian national poet and a guru of liberal intellectuals of the time. During the 1930s it adopted the rationalist approach of Bertrand Russell, the philosopher, and has always been a leading force in promoting the idea of non-sectarian religious and secular teaching.

Minister sour on helicopter project

By George Hill

The EH101 anti-submarine helicopter, designed to replace the Sea King in the 1990s, will be produced for development costs of £650 million, Mr Norman Lamont, Minister for Defence Procurement, disclosed to the Commons defence committee yesterday.

This unexpectedly low figure produced the unusual spectacle of the committee, which spends much of its time castigating ministers for rampant waste of taxpayers' money, finding that a minister took a more jaundiced view of an item of expense than its members.

Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East, was pleased that the project's costs had scarcely risen since 1978. But Mr Lamont replied: "It seems to me a lot for 50 helicopters."

Dr Gilbert again invited him to rejoice, and Mr Lamont replied sorrowfully: "It depends whether it does the job."

The first EH101 machines would go into service very early in the 1990s, Mr Lamont told the committee. The project is a joint Anglo-Italian one.

The Nato Lionheart exercise in 1984 had shown up a need for a medium-size support helicopter, and a draft project had been prepared to fill the gap, Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall told the committee.

New move to block GLC cash hand-out

The £36 million which the Greater London Council wanted to "bequeath" to voluntary groups may be blocked even if the council wins its Lord's appeal over the payments today.

In the Court of Appeal yesterday, the GLC's successor, the London Residuary Body, won an order which will delay, and possibly halt, payments if the council wins its appeal against a previous ruling that the £36 million spending was unlawful.

The order gives the London Residuary Body 21 days to consider application for payment from any of the 900 groups which the GLC wanted to fund after its abolition.

The three weeks will be used to consider new High Court challenges to payments if the residuary body considered that the GLC had no power to fund an organization.

Yesterday's order was made as part of a variation to an order granted last month, allowing the GLC to pay the £36 million into court pending the law lords' decision.

Mr John Howell, counsel for the London Residuary Body, said it would oppose payment of an £11 million GLC grant to establish a "Black Arts Centre".

If the GLC loses today's appeal the £36 million will be paid to the LRB.

Roads and bridges 'are falling apart'

By David Walker

Many of Britain's roads and bridges are falling apart, according to a group of senior civil engineers.

They have been examining the country's infrastructure, and have concluded that many A and B class roads are deteriorating at a growing pace.

"The state of road and rail bridges is also causing concern," the engineers said.

They warned the soon-to-be privatized water authorities of a considerable backlog of re-

newal and renovation in pipes, sewers and reservoirs.

The Infrastructure Planning Group, set up in 1981 by the Institution of Civil Engineers, yesterday published a report acknowledging that the Government had to assess how much Britain could afford to invest in infrastructure.

But it questioned whether the Government had paid enough attention to the adequacy of roads, ports, pipelines and other infrastructure.

"The Government appears to have no target for capital

spending, no overall planning policy and no corporate machinery for monitoring the effectiveness of investment."

Investment should not be piecemeal. It should be pitched at a level where the deterioration of the infrastructure is arrested.

In transport there was no overall planning, and no overall forecasts of the needs of people for movement, the report said. Ports and airports had been allowed to develop without adequate road and rail links.

The Channel tunnel had been allowed to go ahead without proper thought about its implications for railways and roads.

The engineers said that as the Department of Transport moved towards the end of its programme of motorway building it should not reduce spending on roads, but redirect funds to rebuilding local authority roads.

They concluded that Britain had too many ports and this could be made worse by the opening of the Channel tunnel.

Observer editor denies £1,500 bribe payment

Mr Donald Trefford, editor of *The Observer*, yesterday denied that his newspaper paid a £1,500 bribe to a senior Ministry of Defence Civil Servant.

Mr Trefford, giving evidence at the Central Criminal Court, said the money was given to Mr Raymond Williams as an advance on a retainer and to ensure that he remained available to answer any "legal difficulties" which might have arisen after publication of articles concerning

the ministry. "It would have been quite illegal and improper to pay him for information," he told the jury.

Mr Trefford said his newspaper believed Mr Williams had resigned from his MoD post in Bath and was free to undertake work for *The Observer*.

The *Observer* Ltd pleaded not guilty to two charges of corruptly giving bribes to Mr Williams, aged 39, in 1983. The trial continues today.

Mellish wins damages

Mr Robert Mellish, the former Labour MP, won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations linking him with corrupt businessmen.

In a book written by Mr Peter Tatchell, who succeeded him as Labour candidate in Bermondsey, it was alleged that Mr Mellish, aged 73, had

associated with certain notorious businessmen, knowing they were corrupt.

His counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, said the book, *The Battle for Bermondsey*, also implied that the former Government Chief Whip had misused his position by granting favours to these businessmen.

Liberals see hope in 'two-horse' poll

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Liberal candidates in the West Derbyshire and Rydale by-elections began their campaigns yesterday with claims that they were already in a two-horse race with the Conservatives and that the Government was being damaged by its support for the American strike against Libya.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, introduced the candidates, Mrs Elizabeth Shields, who is fighting Rydale, and Mr Christopher Walsley, from West Derbyshire at a press conference in London and declared that the Alliance was trying to repeat the Liberal feat of July 1973 of winning two by-elections on the same day.

For that to happen Alliance strategists accept that they will have to squeeze the Labour vote: 9,060 at West Derbyshire in 1983, and 5,816 at Rydale.

Mrs Shields, who is seeking to become the first woman Liberal MP for 40 years, said that in Rydale the situation was far different from that in the recent Fulham by-election where the Alliance had begun from such a poor base.

She added: "This is a two-horse race between the Alliance and the Conservatives."

Mr Walsley, a producer and presenter on BBC Radio Manchester, said that in West Derbyshire traditional Tory voters were looking for a sensible alternative.

Mr Walsley said that he had been surprised by the strength of opposition among Tory supporters to the fact that the Prime Minister had permitted American bombers based in Britain to attack Libya.

Mrs Shields similarly spoke of a tide of worry and concern among Rydale Conservatives. People were worried about the reaction from the Arab world and the possibility of reprisals against Britons.

The Alliance is conscious of the need to put the Fulham disappointment behind it and believes that it must win at least one of the seats to regain its momentum. Mr Steel said that the Alliance, because of its local government activity, had something to build on in both seats.

Conservative Party: West Derbyshire - 9,060; Rydale - 5,816. Liberal Party: West Derbyshire - 5,816; Rydale - 9,060. Alliance Party: West Derbyshire - 5,816; Rydale - 9,060.

Repairs to illustrious expected to cost £4m

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Repairs to the aircraft carrier HMS *Illustrious*, which was damaged by fire two weeks ago, are expected to cost about £4 million and to take until about the end of July.

The fire occurred in a gearbox just as *Illustrious* was sailing on a round-the-world deployment scheduled to last until December.

Giving the estimated cost of the repairs in a parliamentary written answer Mr John Lee, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said

that if she were repaired by July it was hoped that *Illustrious* would then join the other ships of the Royal Navy's task group in the Far East.

The other ships, which include the frigates *Beaver*, *Manchester*, and *Amazon*, sailed on Monday, with Rear-Admiral Robin Hogg in command. The group is to visit Australia, Korea, Malaysia, and Hong Kong, and to conduct exercises in the Pacific Ocean with the United States Navy.

Sale room Gilbert's work in demand

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The return of Eros to Piccadilly Circus, together with an exhibition of Alfred Gilbert's work at the Royal Academy, has concentrated connoisseurs' attention on this master sculptor of the Victorian era and there were big prices for his work at Sotheby's yesterday.

A large version, 30 inches high, of his bronze, "Comedy and Tragedy", ran well beyond expectations to reach £55,000 (estimate £15,000-£20,000), a new auction price record. It was bought by an unnamed private collector.

The two other Gilbert bronzes sold as expected, an unusual sand cast version of "Perseus Arming" for £22,000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000) and the 14-inch reduction of the same subject for £11,000 (estimate £9,000-£12,000).

Among the Victorian paintings, the figure subjects were preferred to the landscapes with which the sale was perhaps oversupplied, leaving 16 per cent unsold out of a total of £850,124.

The Turkish section proved the most buoyant part of Sotheby's sale of Islamic works of art, which totalled £385,908 with 19 per cent unsold.

An Isnik "Golden Horn" pottery dish of about 1530 sold for £33,000 (estimate £30,000-£40,000). Only 40 pieces are known with this blue and white pattern of spiral stems and this is one of the finest.

Christie's sale of illustrated books saw a set of David Roberts's six-volume *Holy Land* sold at £75,600 (estimate £55,000-£60,000), not the highest price on record for these spectacular plates, but a high one as there have been several cheaper sets on the market recently.

The sale totalled £371,568.

Science report

Fish diet helps reduce heart risk

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

There is persuasive evidence that people who eat at least two fish meals a week have a lower than average risk of heart disease and strokes.

The conclusion is drawn from numerous observations of the medical histories of populations with a tradition of high fish content in their diets. In particular, comparisons with Greenland Eskimos and mainland Danes indicate that the type of polyunsaturated fats in fish oil can prevent the occurrence of arteriosclerosis.

The reason this protection is conferred on blood vessels is unknown. But a theory explored by a number of laboratory studies of the biochemistry of the various fats, and their by-products when broken down by the body, has been tested in people.

Two groups were given measured amounts of a supplement of the fish oil type of fatty acid. Each person was given 10 grams of cis-pentapentaenoate, the polyunsaturated fat in question, each day for one month.

One group had blood vessel disorders and the other comprised a control group of healthy people. The trial was conducted by a team working with Dr Howard Knapp at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, in the United States.

Their findings show an absence of congestion of blood vessels and of the formation of clots.

The hypothesis under test was that by-products, which were left when unsaturated fatty acids were broken down, were inert, whereas the pres-

ence of the by-products from other fatty acids cause blood vessels to constrict and the coagulation of blood cells.

According to theory, the different fatty acids compete for the enzyme cyclooxygenase, which is the catalyst for the biochemical steps in which the large original molecules are turned into the by-products.

When enough of the primary fats were the unsaturated type, their presence ensured that the body generated mainly inert substances. Trials on the effect of different levels in the diet showed that a low dose of one gram a day was not enough to prevent the reactive molecules in the blood.

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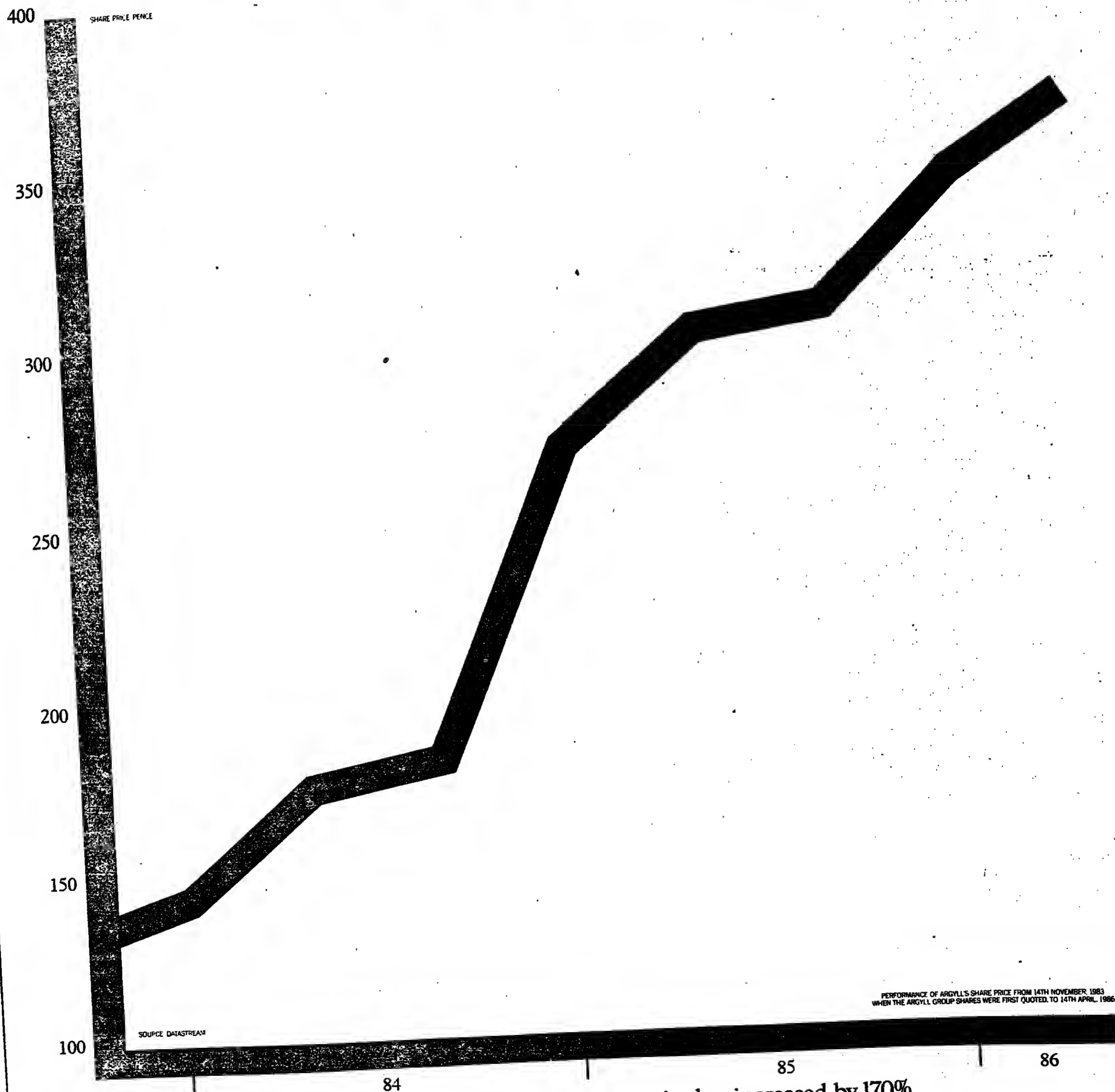
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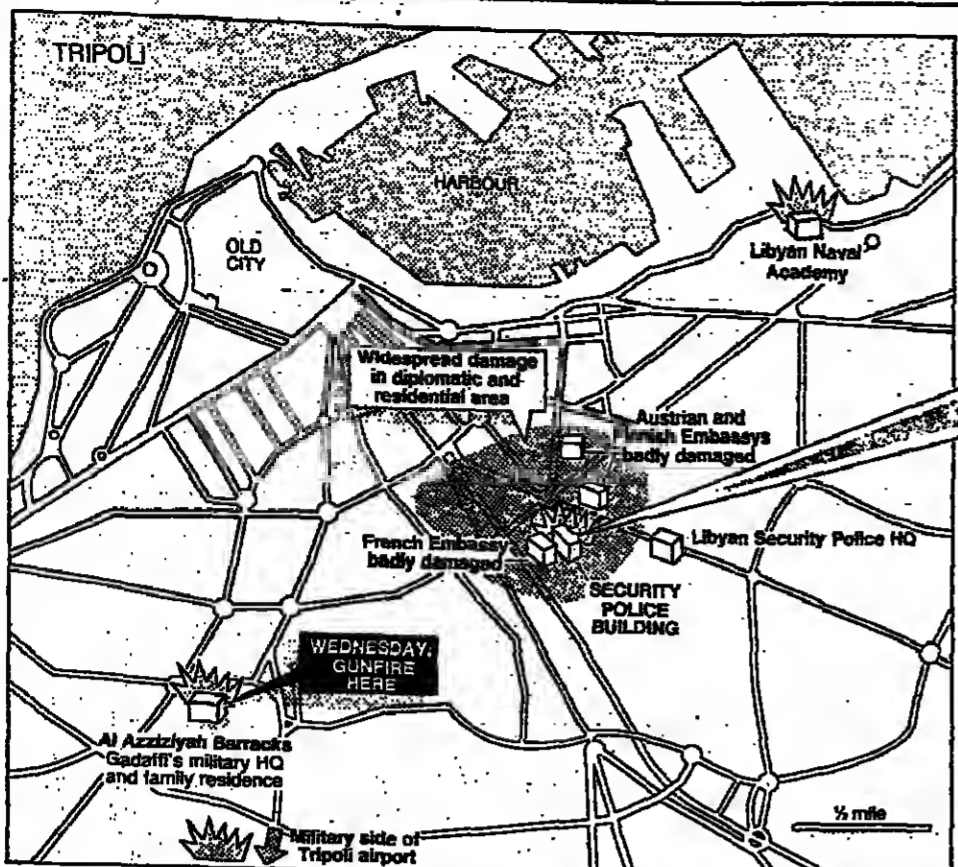
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Where the American bombs hit on Tuesday morning: Tripoli's military and security centres, and, at right, a crane removing wreckage at the terrorist meeting-place next to the French Embassy.



The threats
Britain joins US on the hit list

From Frank Johnson Vienna

The head of the Libyan People's Bureau in Vienna, Mr Imbeia Wadi, yesterday said Libya would regard British as well as American military installations as legitimate targets of retaliation for the American raids.

Mr Wadi, speaking to journalists, said Britain had "deceived international public opinion" by saying first that it would not allow its American bases to be used against Libya, then "suddenly allowing support for this savage attack".

Asked whether British and American diplomats, embassies or civilian airlines would be targets, he replied: "No - only military installations." But Libya could not rule out the possibility that its supporters all over the world would feel so outraged by the American raids that they would take action which Libya could not control.

The bureau issued a statement denying the American claim that a Libyan terrorist attack had been planned in Vienna today.

ROME: The head of Libya's mission here, Mr Rachman Shalgam, said yesterday that the missile attack on Lampedusa was intended to strike the American Coast Guard station because it had given support to the US bombers (Peter Nichols writes).

He said the station was the biggest US electronic centre in the Mediterranean area. "What are we supposed to send to these bases?" he asked. "Bouquets of flowers?"

Asked if this meant that Libya might try to attack the air bases in Britain that supplied some of the bombers, he replied: "Why not?"

MOSCOW: Tass reported that Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador, was summoned yesterday to the Soviet Foreign Ministry to discuss Britain's role in the US strike. Moscow said Britain shared responsibility for the Libyan casualties and the heightened tension (AP reports).

The debriefing

Pentagon says British-based bombers vital

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Pentagon insisted yesterday that the use of F111 bombers from American bases in England was a vital component of the US raid on Libya and not merely a gesture to demonstrate active support from at least one European ally.

Arguments persisted, however, about the need for the F111s, 16 of which, according to the Pentagon, flew a grueling round trip of 5,600 miles, taking six hours there and eight hours back, supported by about 40 tanker aircraft for refuelling.

One F111 is still missing, repairs in Spain where it made an emergency landing because of engine trouble on the return journey. The Air Force identified the missing crew as Captain Fernando Rivas-Dominicci, aged 33, a native of Puerto Rico with a four-year-old son, and Captain Paul Lorence, aged 31, from San Francisco, father of a boy of eight months. Later, searches over the Mediterranean were called off.

Mr Robert Sims, the Pentagon spokesman, rejected claims by some military analysts that the raid could have been conducted more simply and at less risk without the bombers from Britain. Some Pentagon sources claimed the Air Force had demanded a part of the action. "There was a need to use both the Air Force and the Navy planes or we could not have carried out a co-ordinated and simultaneous strike", Mr Sims said.

American pilots presented a picture yesterday of a confused and weak Libyan military response to the raid. Commanders at a Libyan air base near Surt, for example, did not launch their planes. Batteries of Sam missiles were inexplicably not launched.

As 18 F111s reached their targets around Tripoli the fleet of 14 A6 intruders approached targets in the east. Simultaneously, other carrier-based planes supported the mission, with A7 Corsairs firing a dozen Strike anti-radar missiles.



The crew of the F111 which is still missing: Captain Paul Lorence, left, and Captain Fernando Rivas-Dominicci.

The riddle

American shot on way from Sudan embassy

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

An American staff member of the US Embassy in Khartoum was shot and injured on Tuesday evening by an unknown assailant, but is in a stable condition in a hospital in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, officials here said yesterday.

A State Department spokesman said that the employee was shot as he was driving home from the Embassy. Few details were available but the man was reported to have had a single bullet wound in the head. Next of kin have been informed, but the spokesman would not give the man's name or say what his job is. Mr George Shultz, the Sec-

Libyan nerve-centre destroyed

Kremlin pledge of help for Libya

From Robert Fisk Tripoli

There was growing evidence in Tripoli yesterday that in Tuesday's bombing, American jets scored a direct hit on the house in which the Libyan security services regularly met with Palestinian and other extremist groups.

The two-storey villa - which stood next to the French Embassy which was badly damaged in the American raid - was apparently used by a "special projects" section of the Libyan security police and was razed in the bombing.

The rubble of the house has been moved aside by a bulldozer and militia men have been searching carefully through its ruins.

When I tried to approach the scene, armed men ordered me to leave. "We have not finished clearing the area," one of them said. When I told him I wanted to walk to the side entrance of the French Embassy next to the rubble, he replied: "You cannot go there now - you must leave."

Foreign residents in Tripoli

Mr Gorbachov, the Kremlin leader, has sent a message of support to Colonel Gaddafi in Tripoli, stating that Moscow would strengthen Libya's defences against America.

Mr Vladimir Lomeiko,

Russia's Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the message contained "the promise of support and full solidarity", and the pledge in "strengthened further the Libyan defence.

Mr Konstantin Katushev,

head of the Soviet Committee for Foreign Economic Relations - a body thought to oversee Russian military assistance to its allies - handed the Gorbachov message to the Libyan leader last week.

Libyan press or have been broadcast over the state-controlled radio even though

Colonel Gaddafi's two small sons were seriously wounded in the raid. No mention has been made of his adopted baby daughter, Hanna, whom the Gaddafi family doctor disclosed on Tuesday night had been killed by pressure damage to the head suffered in the raid.

The Libyans have meanwhile moved all their civilian airliners from Tripoli airport to the town of Sebha, 1,000 miles to the south, for fear of further American attacks.

There were rumours of US bombing raids outside Tripoli early yesterday morning and one report spoke of the Americans firing a Harrier missile at a Sam-5 missile directed out to sea.

Libyan officials made no comment on these reports although they did claim that Tuesday's attack on Lampedusa Island "devasted the American telecommunications centre" there.

The peace moves

Ministers to seek European solution

From Richard Owea, Strasbourg

With tensions in the Libyan crisis still high, Britain will come under pressure from its EEC partners today to explain and justify its role in the American bombing of Libya.

European foreign ministers meet today in Paris for the second time in a week in an attempt to "de-escalate" the crisis by putting forward a European solution based on diplomatic rather than military pressure.

Mr van den Broek sought to diffuse European anger over Sir Geoffrey Howe's apparent failure to inform other EEC ministers of the impending attack by saying that even if "certain ministers" had had advance knowledge, it could not have been shared with the rest of the Twelve because of its sensitivity.

No mention had been made at the Hague meeting on Monday of American plans, but the meeting had been called at short notice precisely because tensions were rising and military action could not be excluded.

Libyan backing for terrorism was not in doubt, Mr van den Broek said, and Libyan threats to European states would meet an appropriate response. He said today's meeting would examine how Europe could help to "de-escalate" the crisis.

Mr Derek Prag, Conserva-

tive MEP for Hertfordshire, said America could not allow Colonel Gaddafi to cause hundreds of American deaths without taking decisive action, and Europe's response to Libyan terrorism had by contrast been passive.

Today's meeting in Paris is at the request of Greece, which like other EEC Mediterranean states has shown most alarm.

Some Euro-MPs yesterday demanded formal EEC condemnation of the American action, and Mr Alf Lomas, leader of the British Labour Group, called for EEC sanctions against President Reagan, whom he called "the arch-terrorist".

An EEC expression of regret is likely today but a condemnation of Washington will be resisted by Britain. Other EEC states are also reluctant to condemn Washington, despite their outspoken criticism of the American operation.

Sir Geoffrey Howe will attend today's Paris meeting and will face criticism of the Government's agreement to American use of British bases.

Diplomats said the EEC nations were determined to eliminate terrorism as Washington was, but believed that military action invited further terrorist retaliation, not least in Western Europe.

A spokesman for the Belgian Foreign Ministry said that Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, had passed to Washington a message from the Libyan Government requesting a cessation of hostilities.

The blame

Kohl accuses Libya of Berlin disco bombing

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

Chancellor Kohl told the Bundestag yesterday there was clear proof of Libyan responsibility in the terrorist bombing attack on a West Berlin discotheque 12 days ago.

He said intelligence sources, which he did not identify, could prove that the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin had directed the bombing of the La Belle Disco in which two people were killed and 230 injured.

Dr Kohl's statement was a surprise departure from Bonn's earlier cautious line on Libyan involvement in the attack. He and his spokesman had referred only to

"indications" that Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, was behind the outrage.

Echoing President Reagan's broadcast on Monday, Herr Kohl said the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin had alerted Tripoli on April 4 that an anti-American action would be carried out the next day.

On April 6, at 1.30am, shortly after the bombing, the bureau reported that the action had been successful.

Herr Kohl said that Libya, under Colonel Gaddafi, had become a centre of international terrorism.

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House checks Reagan by tying Contra aid to overall spending Bill

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

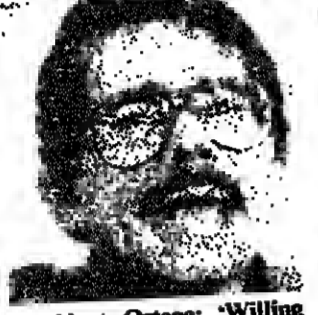
President Reagan has been put on the spot by a procedural manoeuvre in the House of Representatives which threatens to delay plans to restore American military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

because of shortages of basic supplies. A protracted delay would cause immense damage to their ability to sustain an effective fight against the Sandinista Government.

due in the House last night. The following three main aid plans were under discussion: ● The Reagan plan to provide \$25 million immediately for weapons — including the Stinger shoulder-held anti-aircraft missile which would prove especially effective against Soviet-made helicopter gunships now in Nicaragua — and a further \$75 million after July 1.

Contadora deadlock broken

Panama City (Reuters) — Señor Jorge Abadía Arias, the Panamanian Foreign Minister, yesterday said the United States had agreed to stop supporting Nicaraguan rebels if the Sandinista Government signed a Central American peace accord proposed by the Contadora group.



President Ortega: 'Willing to sign' peace accord

"This closes the circle and sets the stage to begin a true peace process," Señor Abadía said.

He said he was confident the heads of state of all five Central American countries would sign the Contadora treaty at a meeting to be held here on June 1.

Representatives of the European Economic Community, the Organisation of American States will be invited to witness the signing.

Panama is a member of the Contadora group, together with Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela. The group has been working since it was founded on the Panamanian resort island of Contadora in January 1983 to reach a regional consensus about how to achieve peace in Central America.

Señor Abadía said he was informed officially of the US decision to stop supporting the Contras in a letter he received on Monday from Mr Arthur Davis, the US Ambassador to Panama.

The letter said Washington was "ready to cease all its support for the Nicaraguan Contras at the same time that Nicaragua signs the Contadora peace accord".

Señor Abadía said President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua had pledged his government's willingness to sign the Contadora peace accord.

Cambodia is focus of MPs' visit

Hanoi (AFP) — The first British parliamentary delegation to visit Vietnam since the unification of the country in 1975 left yesterday after discussions focusing on economic co-operation and Cambodia.

Ruling party takes up Bhutto challenge

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

Mohammad Khan Junejo, Pakistan's Prime Minister and president of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League, urged his party managers yesterday to prepare to meet the threat posed by Miss Benazir Bhutto and the growing popular support for her Pakistan People's Party.

Miss Bhutto's week-long anti-government campaign is expected to get into top gear with her visit to Islamabad and Rawalpindi tomorrow.

The Prime Minister is reported to have conferred with his provincial chief ministers and key ministers, as well as senior party officials to evaluate the results of Miss Bhutto's campaign.

Mr Junejo was quoted as saying that he was not entirely happy with his party's response to the political challenge posed by Miss Bhutto.

Meanwhile, Miss Bhutto yesterday rejected the advice of government security officials not to move from city to city at night.



Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, left, being greeted yesterday by the East German leader, Mr Erich Honecker, in East Berlin where he will attend the five-yearly Communist Party Congress. Leading article, page 13.

Knesset approves Cabinet reshuffle

From David Bernstein Jerusalem

The Knesset (Parliament) met in special session yesterday to approve the Cabinet reshuffle in which the Finance Minister, Mr Yitzhak Modai, exchanges portfolios with the Justice Minister, Mr Moshe Nissim.

The exchange was thrashed out on Sunday as a compromise to end the week-long crisis which all but brought down the national unity Government of Mr Shimon Peres, who had demanded Mr Modai's removal from the Treasury for publicly criticising him and the Government's economic policy.

Mr Peres's laconic statement tabling the reshuffle in the Knesset sparked a bitter 3½-hour debate.

The opposition was particularly scathing in its criticism of what it felt was a storm in a teacup that had stoked the country on its head unnecessarily.

In the end the reshuffle was approved by a big margin, with only the tiny opposition parties and a lone member of the Likud alliance opposing it.

Non-violent party in South Africa may alter policy

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The United Democratic Front (UDF) said yesterday it might be forced to abandon its policy of non-violent opposition to apartheid under pressure from its members.

"The UDF has been called upon by many of its affiliates to 'review its non-violent stance in the wake of unmitigated violence against its officials. While at this point we are still committed to non-violent methods, we will not be able to ignore these calls forever', the organization's executive committee said.

The UDF, a loose multi-racial alliance of more than 600 groups, shares the vaguely socialist political aims of the outlawed African National Congress, but has not publicly supported its policy of armed struggle.

The statement also asserted that UDF members and supporters in the tribal "homeland" of Lebowa, in the northern Transvaal, had been "the victims of vindictive detentions, bombings and shootings" carried out by the police and the army.

The general secretary of the Transvaal region of the UDF, Mr Mohamed Valli, said there was no doubt that Mr Peter Nchabeleng, president of the northern Transvaal branch of the UDF, who died in Lebowa police custody earlier this month, had been tortured.

According to the South African Council of Churches, family members heard the police say: "This time, we are going to kill you," when they took Mr Nchabeleng away.

The UDF denied that its members had anything to do with the burning to death of some 30 people whose bodies were uncovered earlier this week by the Lebowa police.

Meanwhile, Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, has denounced as "hysterical" press reports of speeches she made in townships near Johannesburg last Sunday apparently advocating violence against the state.

Several hundred police and soldiers moved into the black township of Lamontville, south of Durban, before dawn yesterday and said afterwards they had seized large quantities of dagga (cannabis), stolen property, and firearms.

Computer boy keys into Paris ministry

From Diana Geddes Paris

At the age of 15, Cyrille de Vignemont, has just become the youngest ministerial adviser ever appointed in modern France.

The computer fanatic has been made "chargé de mission" and has responsibility for youth in the "cabinet" of M Hervé de Charette, the junior Minister for the Civil Service and Planning.

"I shall be concerned with the future of young people and their aspirations, particularly in regard to technology and life styles in the year 2000. I shall be reporting to the minister in the context of the plan, on how tomorrow's world will evolve and on how, for example, a computer will be commonplace on a desk tomorrow as a telephone is today," he said.

Already noted as what the British might call a "bit of a young fogie", Cyrille came to the public eye last December when he was called on as a super-gifted representative of the op-and-coming generation to cross-examine President Mitterrand during a one-hour television interview — a task he carried out with a disconcerting self-assurance and aplomb.

His passion for computers began at the age of 10 when his parents gave him his first Sinclair micro-computer. By the age of 12, he was travelling alone to Paris to negotiate a contract with the American Apple company to design programmes for them.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting also approved the appointment of a *Ministre de la Condition Féminine* (Women's Affairs). She is Mme Hélène Gissacrot, aged 50, a career civil servant.

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Briton knifed to death in Morocco

A British tourist has been stabbed to death in Marrakesh, and his wife and another couple were injured — by a knife-wielding assailant as they strolled through the streets.

The assault, which occurred on Tuesday, was not thought to be connected with the American bombing of Libya as the attacker was said by police to have a history of mental illness.

British consular sources in Casablanca identified the dead man as Douglas Stokes, believed to come from Peterborough.

The seriously injured man was named as Mr Kenneth Owen, aged 60, a lecturer in linguistics at the University College of North Wales.

Three die in Zurich shooting

Zurich (Reuters) — A man said to be a Civil Servant opened fire in a public office in Zurich yesterday, killing three people and seriously injuring two others.

Police described the man as head of the city construction police, the body which ensures that legal procedures are followed during the construction of buildings.

He fled after the incident. The weapon had not been found, and it was presumed that the man was still carrying it.

Police had no idea of his motives and could not confirm a radio report that a "hit list" had been found at his home containing the name of a former local councillor and a journalist.

Alfonsín plans new capital

Buenos Aires (Reuters) — President Alfonsín yesterday proposed moving the federal capital from overcrowded Buenos Aires to the sparsely settled northern edge of Argentina's vast Patagonia region.

He said the new capital would be the symbol of a new republic, founded to overcome the "dramatic political and institutional problems" that have resulted from the country's original political structure.

The President urged a special advisory council to also study sweeping political reforms, including the possibility of "combining aspects of our traditional presidential system with elements of parliamentary systems."

Señor Alfonsín made the announcement in a speech to the Council for the Consolidation of Democracy, a presidential advisory council. He did not say where Argentina, struggling to pay off foreign debts of about \$50 billion, would get the funds for the new capital.

It would be located in the area of Viedmas and Carmen de Patagones, towns with a combined population of 20,000. The two towns are located on opposite shores of the river Rio Negro 800 miles south of Buenos Aires.

More than one-third of Argentina's population of 30 million lives in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, President Alfonsín said, has become an "oversized megalopolis that little by little has invaded, paralysed or distorted the forces of all of the nation," deforming the national political system.

The relocation of the capital would help decentralize political structures, clarify political jurisdictions and help resolve problems of uneven economic development, he said.

Chirac reforms Socialist budget

From Diana Geddes Paris

Radical amendments to the Socialist budget were approved yesterday by the new right-wing Government, including measures to help provide jobs for the young unemployed, abolition of the wealth tax and an amnesty for illegal capital holdings abroad.

The great government-financed, cultural projects in Paris are to go ahead, including the opera at La Bastille, the 300ft arch at La Défense and the Grand Louvre with its controversial glass pyramid.

As the Socialists had hoped, the new Government has found the projects too far advanced, and the promised compensation to the contractors in the event of non-completion too high, for the work not to continue. Nevertheless, some projects are to be delayed or altered to produce savings this year of 750 million francs (£88 million).

In all, the Government is proposing cuts and new receipts totalling 22.5 billion francs while spending in other areas is due to increase by 21.2 billion, producing an overall saving of 1.3 billion.

Four billion francs is to be devoted to youth employment, mainly reductions in social security contributions for employers hiring people between the ages of 16 and 25. One in four young people are unemployed.

In addition, an extra 500 million francs is to be made available for the long-term unemployed — young and old, who reach the end of their unemployment benefit. The length of payment of unemployment benefit is dependent on the period previously spent in employment.

The controversial wealth tax, introduced by the Socialists, is to be abolished, with an equivalent cut in income tax, amounting to 4 billion francs, for those at the bottom end of the tax ladder. Company profits are to be taxed at a uniform rate of 45 per cent, hitherto, a 50 per cent tax had been levied on distributed profits.

The tax cuts will be compensated by the 8 billion francs which the Government hopes to raise by the immediate sale of state holdings in public enterprises even before it introduces its planned massive privatization programme.

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Zimbabwe moves on rebels

Lisboa (Reuters) — Zimbabwe has launched a major new offensive against Mozambican right-wing rebels in the Gorongosa region of central Mozambique, rebel sources said here yesterday.

The Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) claimed that its forces had killed 237 Zimbabwean troops and shot down two helicopters and a MiG21 fighter in the clashes so far. No MNR casualties were mentioned.

Police killed

Delhi (Reuters) — Two policemen were killed when three gunmen, suspected of being Sikh extremists, attacked a police station in Udaipur in Rajasthan state.

Starting early

Peking (AFP) — A two-year-old boy in eastern Jiangsu province smokes an average of four cigarettes a day and cries when refused a smoke, a Chinese health journal says.

Sabah deaths

Kota Kinabalu (Reuters) — Two people were shot dead, bringing to eight the toll after 15 illegal immigrants escaped from police custody in the Malaysian state of Sabah.

Crying to win

Jakarta (AFP) — Finalists in a crying contest wept before a packed audience in Semarang, Central Java, which has had previous contests in laughing, whistling and flattery.

Author ill

Malaga (Reuters) — The Anglo-Irish author Gerald Brennan, aged 92, has been admitted to hospital suffering from stomach bleeding.



Clint Eastwood, the actor, taking the oath of office as Mayor of Carmel, California, after his landslide election victory.

Rail traffic halted as Finnish strike spreads

Helsinki (AP) — Rail traffic ground to a halt in Finland yesterday after striking civil servants extended their action to cover the whole country.

In all, 42,000 civil servants were on strike after their union unanimously rejected the state mediator's attempt to break a deadlocked wage dispute on Tuesday night.

The mediator, Mr Teuvo Kallio, said he found the situation "hopeless", since the two sides remained so far apart, and said the strike could be a long one.

He predicted that "pressure to find a solution would start building up" only after the full effects of the strike began to be felt, which could take more time.

The strike began two weeks ago when 15,000 state employees working in the capital region walked out, closing 850 main post offices, Helsinki airport and state offices and ending all teaching in universities.

The Board of Aviation moved yesterday to open the airport for domestic freight and limited passenger traffic by replacing the striking fire-

men with non-union employees. All foreign flights were diverted to the airports of Tampere and Turku.

Customs offices remained unmanned, and cargo was piling up at the borders.

The Interior Minister, Mr Matti Laitinen, appealed to the union to exempt rail traffic from the Soviet Union, since it cannot be replaced.

Manila charges Marcos an...

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Manila files criminal charges against Marcos and his aides

From Keith Dalton, Manila

£55m aid 'safe'

The Solicitor-General of the Philippines has filed criminal charges against former President Marcos, his wife, Imelda, their three children and 21 of his former government and business associates, accusing them of illegally amassing overseas wealth estimated to exceed \$5 billion (about £3.4 billion).

After the graft and corruption charges were filed with the Commission on Good Government, Mr Sedfrey Ordoñez said more names could be added to the list as the complaint involved a grand conspiracy never before experienced in the country.

Heading the list of 26 names were those of the Philippines' former first family - Mr and Mrs Marcos, their children, Imee, Irene and Ferdinand, and their sons-in-law, Mr Gregorio Araneta and Mr Tomas Manotoc.

It named Mr Geronimo Velasco, the former energy minister, and Mr Baltazar Aquino, the former highways minister.

Mr Marcos's loyal cousin and one-time chief-of-staff General Fabian Ver was listed along with his alleged mistress, Edna Cancian.

Washington (Reuters) - US and Manila audits show that some \$81 million (£55 million) in 1985 US economic aid has been fully accounted for and is not "missing", officials said yesterday. The Philippines Finance Minister, Mr Jaime Ongpin, gave assurances that no US support funds had been diverted by former President Marcos.

Also listed were Mr Roman Cruz, the former chairman of the debt-ridden Philippine Airlines, and Mr Bienvenido Tansico, the previous ambassador to Rome and business tycoon.

Among the top-level businessmen named on the charge sheet were the so-called "sugar baron", Mr Roberto Benedicto, and the "banana king", Mr Antonio Florendo.

Those listed stand accused of having "willfully, unlawfully and feloniously, singly or confabulating and conspiring with each other" plundered the country's wealth during the 20 years Mr Marcos held power.

The former leader, aged 68, toppled from power in a

civilian-backed military revolt on February 25, now lives with his family in exile in Hawaii.

Most of those named by the Solicitor-General accompanied Mr Marcos into exile or quietly left the country just before or shortly after the 77-hour revolt that installed Mrs Corason Aquino in power.

The complaint said the ill-gotten properties were in the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. Mr Ordoñez said the wealth included cash, jewellery, businesses, mansions, houses, apartments, condominiums, office buildings, shopping centres and agricultural, commercial and industrial land.

Newsweek attacked: Pro-Marcos demonstrators, after an overnight vigil outside the US Embassy, yesterday attacked several newsmen covering the event in which 1,200 protesters accused the Reagan Administration of "kidnapping" Mr Marcos.

Demanding that the former leader be allowed to return to the Philippines, the demonstrators beat and kicked two photographers and hit several others with sticks.



The Princess of Wales chatting with members of the Vienna Boys' Choir after attending a concert in her honour at the Argarten Palais in the Austrian capital yesterday.

British fashions for royal scrutiny

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

On the third and final day of their visit to Vienna, the Prince and Princess of Wales highlighted the long-celebrated popularity of British clothes by attending a fashion show in the Hofburg Palace.

The Princess, who was dressed in a cream and black suit described by various British fashion journalists as coming either from Mr Bruce Oldfield's workshop or the Chelsea Design Centre, sat on the edge of her seat.

If the Prince found the deafening music of Queen and Careless Whisper by George Michael somewhat perturbing at first, the Princess clearly enjoyed every minute.

Earlier yesterday, the Princess visited the home of the celebrated Vienna choirboys in the Argarten Palais. The previous evening, at a concert of Elgar in the Vienna Konzerthaus, the royal couple narrowly avoided meeting Dr Kurt Waldheim, the controversial former Secretary-General of the United Nations who is standing for the Austrian presidency. The Waldheim family sat in a box opposite the royal party but were not invited to the intermission cocktail party.

Italians accused of murder over wine

Milan (Reuters) - Charges against two Italians alleged to have adulterated wine with methyl alcohol have been changed from manslaughter to murder as the confirmed toll of Italians killed in the tainted wine scandal rose to 20 yesterday.

Officials said the post-mortem on the latest victim who died in Monza on March 3 showed he had died of poisoning by methyl alcohol. Signor Alberto Nabili, the state prosecutor, said he had altered the charges against both Giovanni and Daniele Ciravegna from manslaughter to murder.

The father and son, who are wholesale wine traders from Narzole, south of Turin, have been accused of knowingly adding methanol in dangerous quantities to low-grade wine.

Seven other men detained in the methanol scandal face manslaughter charges. Washington warus: The US federal authorities say they found a toxic chemical used in some kinds of antifreeze in 10 wines from Austria, West Germany and Italy (NYT reports from Washington).

Although the level of contamination is not considered toxic, officials urged Americans not to drink the wines.

US may bar funds for Chinese family planning

Peking (AFP) - American charges of forced abortions in China threaten to cause a cut-off of all US funding for the 1986 United Nations family planning programme, Mr Manfred Kulesa, the UN representative here, said yesterday.

The bar on funds, which is expected to be decided anytime, would have little effect on China, but would be a major blow to efforts by the United Nations Fund For Population Activities to slow down population growth in other Third World countries.

Mr Kulesa, who oversees all UN activities in China, said the fund assisted in education programmes and contraceptive production in China, and thus contributed to reducing the number of abortions.

"Our programme is perfectly clean," he said. The UN did not support any programme of involuntary abortion or forced sterilization anywhere in the world, he said. China, in turn, has denied the allegations of forced abortions.

Mr Kulesa added that the UN fund's 1986 budget of \$140 million (almost £95 million) included \$35 million (almost £24 million) from America. The allocation was new in danger of being cancelled because of a gross misunderstanding by some sections in Washington about the nature of its work.

Funding in China amounted to about one cent per person,

or 1 per cent of China's total spending on population control. "In China our involvement is marginal, but in other countries the cuts would be a serious blow," he said.

Under an American law prohibiting funding for forced abortions or sterilizations, the US Agency for International Development (AID) last year withheld \$10 million (just over £6,750,000) in UN funding that it believed would have otherwise gone to China.

China and the UN fund denied AID's finding that it had participated in management of a programme of coercive abortions and sterilizations. With the UN now recognizing its funds, AID is considering a total cut-off in its 1986 support.

Mr Kulesa said a decision on the cut-off had been expected before April but apparently was delayed due to the agency's preoccupation with events in the Philippines.

Meeting rejected: China yesterday dismissed as unrealistic the idea that Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev might meet before three obstacles blocking the normalization of Sino-Soviet relations had been removed.

The three obstacles cited by Peking are Soviet support for the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia; the Russian invasion of Afghanistan; and the heavy Soviet military presence along the Sino-Soviet border.

Jeweller arrested in Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Mr Robert Chatwin, the Midlands jeweller, has been arrested in the Costa Blanca town of Denia after failing to respond to a summons.

A spokesman for the Civil Governor's office in Alicante said that Mr Chatwin was arrested on Monday. He had been living in Denia awaiting trial on a smuggling charge since 1983, after his release on provisional liberty from Alicante prison, where he had been held for six months.

The spokesman said a judge was expected to order his transfer from the Denia jail to police custody in Santander.

Last December the Birmingham jeweller was held briefly while police carried out investigations into a stolen car ring, but no charges were brought.

He was first arrested in 1983, upon arriving in Santander in his yacht, after closing down his three jewellery shops in Britain. The smuggling charge followed.

Police in Britain would like to talk to him about the disappearance of jewellery worth £3 million.

Defeat for Briton in UN bid

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Miss Margaret Anstee, one of the highest-ranking Britons in the United Nations Secretariat, has failed in her bid to become executive director of the World Food Council despite British efforts to secure more key UN positions.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, instead appointed Mr Gerald Trant, a minister in the Agriculture Department of Canada.

Miss Anstee, as an assistant secretary general, faced an uphill battle against Mr Trant whose government argued that Canada, as a major wheat producer, was more deserving to head the council, which aims to end world hunger.

Sources said the Canadians got a head start in their campaign.

Britain's campaign on Miss Anstee's behalf was a departure from its traditional diffidence regarding all UN appointments which, in theory, are free of government interference. But diffidence lost Britain several influential positions and prompted complaints from Britons that their government did not look after their interests.

A whale of a tale

Wellington (Reuters) - A mystery submarine that had New Zealand Air Force planes searching the Cook Islands in the South Pacific may have been a whale with digestive problems, according to Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister.

Initial Air Force reports that the submarine was nuclear-powered and either American or Soviet were denied by both nations. Mr Lange has said science experts were unable to make a positive identification.

After meeting Sir Tom Davis, the Premier of the Cook Islands, Mr Lange said: "I have a strong suspicion that it was a whale with flatulence". Cook Islands' fishermen caused a defence alert in February when they reported seeing a submarine above the water. US defence sources have recently suggested the supposed submarine never existed.

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Building in Britain

Reagan's front man in the shadows

THE TIMES PROFILE

JOHN M. POINDEXTER

Vice-Admiral John M. Poindexter is the "invisible man" of US policy-making. As the top brass of the Reagan administration gathered at the White House this week to watch the President report to the American people on the bombing of Libya, the new head of the National Security Council was conspicuously absent.

Yet only hours before, it was Admiral Poindexter who briefed Congressional leaders on the surprise air attacks, advising them that there was still time to call off the strikes if they opposed the President's plan.

The low public profile coupled with the strong behind-the-scenes performance is "vintage Poindexter" according to Pentagon officials. He is the very model of the modern military technocrat: a highly intelligent bureaucrat who is so averse to publicity that he keeps the press at arm's length and public appearances to a minimum. His profile is so low that *Time* magazine described him as an apolitical insider who has a "blank public record".

On the day of his appointment in December as Reagan's fourth national security adviser Poindexter made clear that he intended to sink back into the shadowy world of the NSC. He would use his position not to seek personal political power in the mould of some of his more famous predecessors but reflected power by whispering unnoticed to the President's ear.

In late January, just one month after assuming his new job, and before an important televised news conference, it was Poindexter who briefed Reagan on what to say on issues as varied as economic sanctions against Libya, aid to Contra rebels in Nicaragua and East-West relations. The advice was not "sugar-coated", according to a senior official.

Poindexter reportedly spoke bluntly to the President, telling him: "You should not say that". It would be better if you phrased this way". "This is not the time to speak out on that issue".

But whether Poindexter actually

exerts influence over the President on foreign policy decisions or has the personal authority to dispel the uncertainty surrounding the NSC's status as a policy council remains a subject of conjecture.

One fact is certain. Poindexter will not assume the role as national security adviser that Henry Kissinger assumed under Richard Nixon or that Zbigniew Brzezinski enjoyed under Jimmy Carter. "His military training has taught him never to outshine a superior", a US official said.

Critics claim this was the reason Poindexter, at 49, was elevated from the number two position at the NSC to the top slot, replacing the disillusioned Robert McFarlane, who resigned abruptly after repeated clashes with White House chief of staff Donald Regan. Grim-faced, McFarlane praised the selection of his deputy, whom he described as a man capable under extreme pressure.

Indeed, it was McFarlane who paid public tribute to Poindexter as the architect of the Administration's successful interception of an Egyptian airliner carrying four Palestinian terrorists accused of hijacking the cruise ship, Achille Lauro.

As head of the NSC's crisis centre under McFarlane, he produced the intercept plan in less than four hours. It was executed without a shot being fired. "He is superb in military-type operations", said Philip Odeen, a former NSC staff aide.

But the label that he is "Don Regan's man" remains attached to Poindexter. Administration officials said he, unlike McFarlane, who became an increasingly independent spokesman, believes in the chain of command. The Secretary of State should be the spokesman for foreign policy; the autocratic rule of Regan as the doorkeeper to Ronald Reagan must not be breached.

Brzezinski, a veteran of White House politics, was the first to spot the portent of Poindexter's relationship to the President. "He said he has been assured of access to the President - assured by



Quiet man of action: John M. Poindexter, Reagan's national security adviser and foreign policy guide

Donald Regan. An assurance relayed from Regan to Regan rather than directly from Regan to Poindexter sounds like an assurance of precisely the sort of malpractice that, despite all denials, wore McFarlane down", he said.

Critics contended that the constant battles over turf, due largely to Regan's style of delegating authority, are responsible for the "revolving door" at the NSC which has led to an alarming lack of continuity in US foreign policy and security affairs. Poindexter replaced McFarlane who succeeded William Clark who replaced Richard Allen - four NSC heads in five years.

Despite fears over the extent of Poindexter's authority there are no doubts about his considerable intellectual abilities.

As a young student at the US Naval Academy he achieved what only the legendary General Douglas MacArthur had achieved before him. Poindexter was out only first in his class at the Naval Academy but also brigade commander. MacArthur achieved the same distinctions at West Point.

The early Navy years were good years for Poindexter. He married his college "sweetheart", Linda Goodwin, a colonel's daughter, immediately after graduation and went on to earn a doctorate in

nuclear physics at the California Institute of Technology.

But it was as an aide to secretaries of the Navy and later the Chief of Naval Operations that Poindexter actually made his mark. "He is a political admiral rather than one who went up through the fleet. He has never flown his flag at sea", said a Navy official.

Poindexter is a man, however, who knows his own mind. He believes, in company with Secretary of State George Shultz, in using military solutions to correct severe foreign policy problems such as terrorism.

Although normally quiet and circumspect at White House meet-

BIOGRAPHY

1938: Born Washington, Indiana, August 12
 1958: US Naval Academy, BS, Married Linda A. Goodwin in the academy chapel. Father of five sons.
 1961: Graduated California Institute of Technology
 1964: PhD in nuclear physics
 1971: Served as administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Navy.

1974: Commander, USS England.
 1976: Executive assistant to Chief of Naval Operations.
 1978: Commander of US destroyer squadron 31.
 1981: Appointed military assistant to the President's Assistant for National Security.
 1982: December, appointed National Security Adviser to President Reagan.

ings he was reportedly so frustrated by the lack of a strong US response to the 1983 Lebanon crisis that he pushed hard for additional US bombing.

In the end, even after some military force was used, Poindexter remained convinced that the response should have been stronger.

The Administration's bombing of Libya may remove the doubts over the extent of Poindexter's authority. He and Shultz agreed that there should be a military response to the "terrorist" activity of Colonel Gaddafi. The joint Navy-Air Force plan, which was approved by Reagan last week, was completed while Weinberger, who has objected to a military response to terrorism, was out of the country, officials said.

House organization, used by President John F. Kennedy to control the diplomatic and military establishments.

Successive presidents have used the NSC in different ways. Under Nixon, it was widely believed that Henry Kissinger elevated the job to the second most powerful in the western world.

Kissinger's hold over policy was so dominant, with the blessing of the reclusive Nixon, that the normally powerful US Cabinet all but ceased to exist. The secretaries of state and defence were kept occupied by meaningless inter-agency groups while foreign policy, supported by a strong NSC staff, was made at the White House.

But whether Poindexter has the stamina to "knock heads together" and wrest viable policy options from the often conflicting foreign policy and military establishments remains to be seen. Arms control issues will be the crucial test, according to former NSC aides.

They noted that Poindexter moved with less than deliberate speed in fashioning a US response to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposal for a staged reduction of nuclear weapons. At one point, the Administration appeared paralysed by what actually amounted to an echo from Moscow of Reagan's first-term proposals for eliminating nuclear arsenals.

In fact, the NSC was created to draw from the complex bureaucratic establishment a fast response to important issues. James V. Forrestal, the first US Secretary of Defence, strongly supported the NSC's creation as a vehicle to control his boss, President Harry S. Truman, whom Forrestal viewed as anti-military. But later, the NSC evolved into a White

Later, despite disclaimers, Carter continued the tradition of a strong NSC under Brzezinski, who put his own stamp on US foreign policy. Roger Molander, who was on the NSC staff under both men, described the way it operated. "You were sitting inside a castle, you knew you were in a key position and people brought a lot of seriousness to the enterprise."

When Reagan assumed the presidency, he made it clear that he wanted change. The bureaucracies of state and defence were out to be by-passed. He wanted an NSC with a lower profile and a person in the job who would not use it to attract the publicity given to Kissinger. Some critics claim the NSC has become too weak under Reagan.

Others believe, however, that the role of the NSC should be that of the invisible body, a role Poindexter appears to have assumed. If he can remain an independent, honest power broker who enjoys direct access to the President, he may provide the necessary continuity to US foreign policy.

Bailey Morris

A far cry from Longbridge

middle-aged Japanese manager sits, face flushed, chest heaving, his fists clenched and muttering. Finally he settles into silent sobs, like child unable to appease his mother.

The manager, a mild, bespectacled man in his forties as just failed the final test of two-week managers' training course which is not called "a hell camp" for nothing.

His prison-like smock is ill covered with "shame badges" each one denoting a part of the course which he has failed to pass by graduation.

The management training school is on a high plateau, well insulated from the noise of the city. Mount Fuji's cone overlooking the school's two residential buildings.

Flagging managers are sent this wooded mountainous area, imbued with *sumo* *ji*, the Japanese spirit, that all-mysterious combination of determination and self-sufficiency, by companies willing pay almost £1,000 for two weeks of humiliation for their staff.

As soon as they arrive at corporate boot camp their trainers quickly strip them of their individuality they retain. Business suits are removed in favour of white socks and blue trousers, shed off with the kind of cap that second world Japanese troops wore at their empire.

Asno Motohashi, the

If British managers want to emulate the Japanese, they may end up in army-camp conditions with 'shame badges' on their overalls

school's sleek, well-fed principal, seeks to drive the basics into his manager-pupils with a stiff daily routine which starts with a run-down with a dry towel at 4.30am and finishes with lights out at 10.00pm. In between there are no newspapers, no television and no contact with the outside world except daily written reports to the individual's company president on his or her progress.

"What we do is action-oriented training to correct basic behaviour. When they

come here they think they can do everything but we show them what they can't do", says Mr Motohashi.

After a cup of ceremonial sake and pledging to themselves and their instructors that they will reform themselves, the students find their instruction is not about balance sheets and profit margins, cost-cutting and marketing but politeness, report writing and learning by rote. And just for good measure there are some rather bizarre confidence-building exercises: like singing in front

of a railway station at rush hour.

Discipline is strict and before they've been there a day the students have got into the routine of calling out for permission before entering or leaving a room, including the lavatory, and going everywhere on the double.

Manners, said Motohashi, are the key pre-requisite for business. "To maintain good relations with other people is the most important thing."

"That sort of thing isn't taught in Japanese schools any more. Everyone knows how important it is to be polite, greetings are an expression of the heart. If you can greet people in the correct way that brings an activeness to the organization itself."

"Japanese parents treat their children like pets these days. They don't know how to love them any more".

Politeness leads on to a more positive attitude to everything, especially sales, helped along by some songs written by Mr Motohashi and the odd choice slogan: "Something made with tears must be sold with tears".

Every day each student is given 20 minutes to write a report of the day's events. At

first the report remains uncompleted at the deadline but as the days pass the reports become neater, more readable and longer. "Everyone thinks they know how to write a report but how many can do it properly in practice?"

Most students ultimately get through the final speech test which resembles nothing so much as a Chinese red guard self-criticism session. The manager who dissolved into tears scraped through with the minimum 50 per cent pass mark but very few come close to losing all their ribbons of shame. In fact, only 27 per cent graduate at the first try.

Most of the school's clients are the smaller and medium companies which are not able to set up their own in-company training courses but some of

David Watts

How paradise was taped

David Fanshawe's quest to make a musical history of the Pacific's fading cultural sights and sounds

From Avalon to Bali Hai, men and women have dreamed of a paradise that, quite apart from being idyllic, is a haven from relentless change and corruption, where the old ways can live on.

It was to capture some of that rapidly disappearing magic that the English composer David Fanshawe set out five years ago to record the native music of Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia.

Now, 1,562 reels of tape and thousands of miles later, he is starting to compose a choral work that will encapsulate his own extraordinary experiences and those of the human race in the Pacific over the last 200 years. *Pacific Odyssey*, as it will be called, is an exciting musical prospect.

Fanshawe is something of a phenomenon among serious composers writing today: his music actually fills concert halls. Ever since it was written in 1969 his *African Sanctus* has been enormously popular. Fanshawe's fascination with foreign lands is very much in the tradition of the British explorers, except that he goes mainly to listen. His obses-

sion started when he was a boy. Later, in his early 20s, he began hitch-hiking regularly to the Middle East and the Gulf.

"I began to hear sounds around me I had never heard before", he relates. While a composition student at the Royal College of Music in 1969, he quite suddenly "got a message" to travel up the Nile, record the music there, and compose a Latin Mass in harmony with it.

He reached Africa just in time, as the indigenous music was already dying out under the influence of the transistor radio and Western media. The tapes he brought back form a valuable archive of a culture that will soon be lost forever.

Between 1981 and 1983 he travelled from Hawaii to New Zealand, from Yap to Easter Island in a cross-shaped journey, reaching Tonga, Samoa, the Cook Islands, Tahiti, the Marquesas and countless more.

Again Fanshawe got there in the nick of time. "You get whole island communities watching seven hours of American video recordings a night at the local school, and nobody is singing or practising their traditional chants and dances", he says. The Micronesian navigators, who once used chants to pass on their knowledge of wave patterns and stars, now put to sea with compasses.

While some of the islanders were very concerned to find ways of preserving their heritage and welcomed



New wave: David Fanshawe in Papua New Guinea

Fanshawe's efforts, there were plenty of officials who obstructed him for months and charged him fees of thousands of dollars for permission to record.

All his adventures have been directed at writing *Pacific Odyssey*. He has now started the composition, having emigrated to Australia. The inspiration of the *Odyssey* comes first from a prophecy made by a native Tahitian priest in 1750, that "strangers will come to our island shores in canoes without balance" (meaning outriggers).

Fanshawe's text will come from Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, and other islands, and also from the writings of

Robert Louis Stevenson, the painter Gauguin, and Captain Cook.

In presenting a history of the Pacific, Fanshawe sees two "turbulences": first, the conflict between Europeans and natives, including devastation by war and disease, human sacrifice, and gods being burnt and thrown away; second, World War II and its terrible slaughter, followed by the nuclear issue - the threat to the environment from testing and nuclear dumping.

It is between will come one of Fanshawe's recordings of a hurricane in all its terrifying splendour. "The environment the elements are very important in this piece", Fanshawe says. "They are what man is up against - the Creator himself".

Fanshawe intends the premier performance of the two-hour work to be in the Sydney Opera House in 1988 to coincide with the Australian bicentenary. It will be a remarkable occasion, and doubtless a record, videotape, film and book will follow, along with performances in London and elsewhere.

There is one of Fanshawe's packing cases that he wants never to be opened, and that contains the tapes from an island that Fanshawe is convinced is paradise. He will not reveal where it is, but he describes asking a Micronesian what he felt about paradise, and got the reply: "It is where I am now".

Rory Johnston

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BOOKS

A post mortem from the Commander-in-Chief

The purpose of ex-President Nixon in this book is to turn on its head the meaning of its title. No More Vietnams should mean, "No more backing away from commitments to tried and trusted allies like Nguyen Van Thieu, the Shah and", but here I am guessing, "Ferdinand Marcos." The last touches were put to the manuscript at the end of 1984, so the Philippine example does not come in for analysis. The islands are mentioned, though, as an example of a place where a guerrilla movement has been successfully crushed, which - like several other arguments in the book - is true in its way. Guerrilla movements have been, from time to time, successfully crushed in the Philippines. And then - to and behold - there's another one.

James Fenton on Nixon's account of how the US won the war and lost the peace

NO MORE VIETNAMS By Richard Nixon W.H. Allen, £10.95

The negotiated ceasefire would be a fig-leaf for a deferred capitulation. As events turned out, the decent interval lasted a couple of years. If the Paris Peace Agreement had been merely a fig-leaf, it would in Nixon's view have been grossly immoral. So it is in his interest to say that it was workable (although it could have been better if Congress had allowed it to be better).

A central contention of Nixon's is that at the time of the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement, in January 1973, the American war in Vietnam had been won. The chapter called "How We Won The War" is followed, of course, by "How We Lost The Peace". But the difference between peace and war in this account is not always easy to perceive. The "peace" that was lost (chiefly through the efforts of Congress and the media) was lost because the Americans failed to provide the South Vietnamese with enough materiel to enforce the peace (i.e. fight) because the President of the United States was no longer able, under the terms of the War Powers Act, to wage war (i.e. bomb the North) without consulting Congress.

When it spits Nixon's argument, he will express surprise at the fact that Thieu thought the North Vietnamese to be awesomely cunning. Elsewhere he will happily claim that they were cunning and intransigent, determined to invade and control the South, and that they had been like this for years and years.

Interestingly enough, President Thieu, in Nixon's account, did not believe in the agreement that was being negotiated by Kissinger. The South Vietnamese "were exhibiting a surprising awe of Communist cunning and a disquieting lack of confidence in themselves," says Nixon.

At that time, Nixon had advocated the correct approach to Indochina: the Americans should have intervened on behalf of the French at Dien Bien Phu, using their air power to destroy Giap's forces; they should have realized that Diem was a powerful and popular nationalist leader, and they should not have conspired to overthrow him, despite his excesses (many of which were the fabrications of duped mediemen).

It was clear that they were having great difficulty with the prospect of cutting the American umbilical cord. As Kissinger saw it, we were up against a paradoxical situation in which North Vietnam, which had in effect lost the war, was acting as if it had won, while South Vietnam, which had effectively won the war, was acting as if it had lost.

Nixon visited Indochina several times over the years. He emphasizes how deeply he felt about the war, and how deeply right about it he was. Strikingly though, he does not appear to notice very much either about the nature of the Thieu regime, or about the overall progress of the war. Just as the "peace" achieved by the Paris agreement turned out to be a war, so the victory of the American troops in crushing the 1968 Tet offensive turned out to be a kind of defeat. Nixon is very angry at the media for the way they portrayed Tet. He rightly points out that the hoped-for uprising in the south had failed to take. Tet was a bloody and costly demonstration by the Communists, which seriously weakened their movement. But when you've said that, you have also to admit that by 1972 the North Vietnamese were back in shape, and able to mount another spectacular offensive. It was this ability of the NVA always in the end to come back that



led people to see that the war was unwinnable.

most had used hard drugs before being sent to Vietnam.

Nixon is fatally optimistic about facts: Drug use was a widespread problem for the generation growing up in the 1960s. It was not appreciably worse among military personnel in Vietnam than among those stationed in other countries or among draft-age civilians in the United States. Among students at Harvard College in 1968, 75 per cent had smoked marijuana or used hard drugs. In 1971, a survey showed that 50.9 per cent of army personnel in Vietnam had smoked marijuana and that 28.3 per cent had used hard drugs, like heroin or opium. Few were truly addicted, and

These figures do not, unfortunately, knock on the head the myth of the demoralized pot-smoking GI. They merely make us glad that the Harvard Class of '68 were not thrown into battle.

The whole book is like this. There are no notes, and the list of books consulted is very brief. One would not read such a work in order to find out about what happened in Vietnam. But one can learn, perhaps, a bit about what Nixon doesn't understand about the war. "We let Ho Chi Minh fight the war at his leisure, on our turf, on his terms." But it wasn't their turf.

A prince of journals

Woodrow Wyatt

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF WALTER BAGEHOT Volumes XII to XV Edited by Norman St John-Stevns The Economist, £160

The more one reads, the greater the lament that Bagehot died at 51 with so much left to tell the world. His letters can be tedious; but nothing that he wrote for publication is tedious. It all lives, though the events it deals with may be dead.

Politicians still complain that personalities are more discussed than issues. They should read Bagehot.

Whether Bagehot was best as a banker, an economist, a constitutional theorist, or an editor I do not know. But there has never been his equal as a journalist. He had curiosity and knowledge, and a clear and powerful brain enabling him to make the obvious seem original, directing the reader's mind from fact to fact, and keeping him alert with frequent epigrams.

He despised those who advised young people to "steer clear of the trash of the day", and to confine their reading to the perusal of good books and standard authors. Bagehot thought the trash of the day was just the stuff to stimulate the mind, and there was nothing more valuable for this purpose than a good newspaper.

You may read it over carefully all you think you have finished it, yet if, an hour afterwards, you take it up

with a fresh mind, you will find some new pregnant hints - some new elucidatory anecdote - some odd trait of out-of-the-way human life.

Readers of this newspaper will be encouraged by his address to the Langport Literary and Scientific Institution, in which he urged his audience to make it a rule to read the whole of The Times, including the advertisements, every day. They would then know what the world was really about.

Bagehot was incapable of cant or hypocrisy, of dressing up brilliant ideas with stilted, pedantic language in order to impress the reader with his academic profundities. All is genuine and easy to understand. He may not have been the greatest Victorian, as G.M. Young wrote; but he came very near it.

These four volumes cost £160. But you can have the complete works, vols 1 to XV, for £400; still too much for the general reader, particularly the young, whom Bagehot most wanted to influence towards sensible thinking. Perhaps the Department of Education might consider subsidizing their sale to teachers, so many of whom seem to fill their pupils with sloppy thoughts about politics.

Terrible beauty of Passover

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? By Primo Levi

Translated by William Weaver Michael Joseph, £10.95

THE PEARL KILLERS By Rachel Ingalls Faber, £9.95

SMALL REBELLIOUS ACTS By Sally Beattie Andre Deutsch, £8.95

There is warmth and a tenacious hope in these people, born not of sentiment but of an age-old unity that transcends the political and nationalistic loyalties of other partisans, and is tempted towards despair only once: not among the corpses on the Mountains of the Holy Cross, or at the laager where the smell of burning flesh tells them they have come too late, but in another, liberated camp where the living take their own lives. The end of the march coincides with another ending, as the atomic bomb falls on Hiroshima; but it is also a beginning, with a new life surviving against all the odds. A Joshua to pass into the Promised Land.

To call this an adventure is not to diminish the significance of Primo Levi's novel. It rings so true that I was convinced by every detail, and absurdly shaken to realize at the end that it was indeed fiction, however well grounded in fact. I knew these people, and I wanted to know more.

The happiest days of our lives? Well, perhaps not; but well worth revisiting in such a sharp and subtle book.

The deceptively simple style proves engrossing. Levi - well served by his translator, William Weaver - is a master whose hand never slips, balancing character and action, dialogue and description, to create credibility and tension to the end. A terrible novel, with a terrible beauty.

Ignore the sensational cover on Rachel Ingalls's new collection of stories, The Pearl Killers, which hints vulgarly at Hammer horrors and unnatural acts. Although the third and least successful story strays into the Gothic, by far the best here is the first, which is set in common-sense New England and the clear bright light of Egypt. Ms Ingalls excels in suggestion, and the muted passions of "Third Time Lucky" make a far greater impact than the bizarre violence of the other three pieces in this book. These struck me as powerful but heartless, the last merely a comforted variation on a well-worn theme. But the first is not to be missed, for its piercing perception of pain and the healing of the spirit.

Sally Beattie's second novel, Small Rebellious Acts, is quite enchanting. Set in a girls' school, it chronicles subversion and discipline side by side, surface tranquillity and seething discontent. Life as we all know it: good, character-building stuff, funny and sad and tender. Sally Beattie avoids St Trinian's caricature, and deftly and sympathetically (and wonderfully economically) takes the reader behind the irreproachable twin-sets, the scratchy uniforms, and even the green-baitz door into the hearts of her characters.

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The evolution of a nonentity into a Holy Cow

In one of the nastier notices she wrote, in a lifetime of cackling malevolent reviewing, Caryl Brahms lashed out at Pamela May, the ballerina, starting in a lacklustre Lac des Cygnes: "That lake of lilies lies somewhere between South Kensington and Streatham." One hopes Pamela May understood its true significance. For the worst place in the world, to Caryl Brahms, was Streatham. Streatham was oblivion, a condition of the soul.

Fiona MacCarthy

TOO DIRTY FOR THE WINDMILL

A Memoir of Caryl Brahms

By Ned Sherrin Constable, £12.95

ground though a series of subterfuges and disguises; by changing her name from Doris Caroline Abrahamson; by having an abortion, which she used to describe proudly, in the rather louche and shady Hotel Martinez, Cannes; by getting a coil fitted in the Hampstead of the Thirties by Edith Summerskill (whose peremptory manner discouraged her for ever from signing up for socialism). One of her greatest triumphs, which, again, she liked to dwell on, was the rejection, as

"too dirty for the Windmill", of a sketch she had submitted to an impresario indistinguishable from a Caryl Brahms invention: viz. Vivian Van Dam.

There were two halves to her life. First, her long collaboration with S. J. Simon, known (uproverbially) as "Skid", on a famous series of extremely comic novels. Two of these, A Buller in the Ballet and No Bed for Bacon, have just been reissued by the Hogarth Press. I have never liked these books, which were prescribed Sunday reading at the Buckinghamshire boarding school I went to. Bring on the Dostoevsky was my feeling at the time. I do not like them now. They still seem very heavy-handed. Their peak of popularity was wartime. Enough said. After S. J. Simon came the young Ned Sherrin. From the Fifties onwards he and Caryl Brahms

worked intermittently successfully on musicals, on stories, most productively perhaps on That Was The Week That Was. Skid and Sherrin, in their ways, come over equally appallingly, and I have been wondering which, given the choice, I should least like as my collaborator: Skid, unpunctual, shambling, Woodbine-smoking bridge fanatic, greynosed-fancier, and comic womanizer; or Sherrin, well-described by Brahms herself as "a brilliantly able boy but self-destructive".

The key to this of course is that as a nightmare figure La Brahms, as she liked to style herself, could easily knock both her partners sideways (if not into a tricorn). The main interest of this book is as a tale of evolution of a relative nonentity into a persona, the gradual creation of a formidable image which was really pretty good.

Caryl Brahms never said die. There is something rather touching, although maddeningly corny, in her indomitability. Few things struck her as impossible. For instance, late on in the Fifties, in a lull in professional activity (of which, we discover, there were many in her life) she had the inspiration for a three-handed drama, in feature two men plus Diana. Dora confined in a small space for an extended period. This play she referred to as Last in a Lighthouse. Her chosen collaborator was John Osborne. He refused.

The book ends in a poem, a lament for Caryl Brahms by her unexpected cousin, Peter Levi. It is rather a good poem, or anyway no worse than the Oxford Poetry Professor ought to be producing. But its inclusion here is somehow terribly embarrassing. Also a bit ironic, as if Streatham strikes again.

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Lamont's defence

Poor Norman Lamont, Minister for Defence Procurement. One mention of the word Westland and he seems to have a blackout. Yesterday he was being questioned on the affair by the Commons Defence Committee: Why had he also considered resigning when Michael Heseltine, his chief, flounced out of the Cabinet in January? Was it personal loyalty or dissatisfaction with official policy? And how soon did he get over it? "I don't think we really need to go into that," he said unhappily. Personal loyalty had been his main motive; he could not remember how soon he had put the temptation behind him. "You are not the first minister before us to plead a faulty memory," said Labour's John Gilbert.

On target

Following an after-dinner speech by the Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, on Tuesday, guests at the Reform Club were startled when asked to take an impromptu vote on whether the Americans were right to bomb Libya. In the club's finest traditions of liberalism, or perhaps in response to the tough line on law and order in Hurd's speech, the vote was a resounding yes. At one point the Home Secretary was asked about his attitude to the French and Spanish ban on F111s flying over their territory. Before he could answer, a wit interjected: "Considering the accuracy of the bombing it was the only wise thing to do."

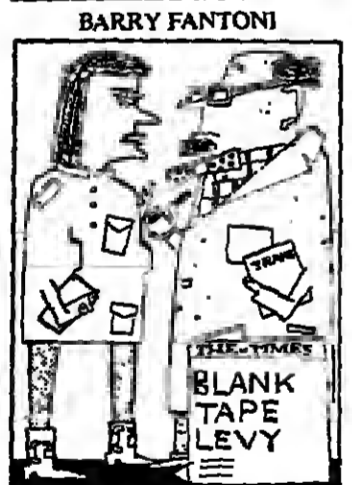
Advertisement talking on a new meaning: "Feel like a change? Something new? Thinking of going abroad with ease and comfort? Why not do it Ronaldway this weekend?" Maxx Airlines accepts responsibility.

Air cargo

While American bombs were raining on Tripoli, the Department of Trade and Industry was busy putting out a press release about "visible" export opportunities in the Middle East. And the junior employment minister, Alan Clark, speaking at the 25th anniversary lunch of the Middle East Association, said trade was better than ever with Britain's third biggest export market.

Don't all rush

The National Liberal Club, that "historic London club in the heart of Whitehall", is so hard up that it is placing newspaper ads for new members. The club has gone downhill since the police investigations in the late 1970s into alleged homosexual assaults and alleged misappropriation of funds. Membership has plummeted from 7,000 to a mere 2,500. Yesterday the club told me the only requirement to be a member is to be non-political. Some, of course, would say the two are much the same.



Stockhausen's happy - his latest work is two hours of silence.

Cover plus

Here's a nasty Americanism we should nip in the bud. Callers to the Bishopsgate insurance company in Cardiff are now treated to "Hallo, my name is Julie (or Andy or whatever). How can I help you?" at the start of every conversation. As one revolted client put it to me, the mock-intimate formula would be more appropriate to waitresses in hamburger joints. The company, maintaining that staff are merely told to identify themselves, says that so far there has been nothing but praise from customers. Next it will be "Have a nice day."

Blocks office

Noting that the British cinema industry was one branch of showbiz which had done virtually nothing for the Band Aid appeal, the British Film Year recently put the idea of a Film Aid Day to the industry. It met with some initial encouragement, but hopes have now been dashed by the "unanimous" rejection by the cinema's all industry marketing committee of plans to send a day's admissions to Ethiopia. Tom Nicholas, chairman of the committee, told me that the idea had seemed acceptable in principle but there were great logistical problems. "We think the film chains couldn't agree on which day to hold the event," said a singularly unimpressed Film Year spokesman.

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Libya: Owen Harries on the price of allied opposition; Ronald Butt counts the cost to the Tories

Line of shame that Nato will regret

When President Reagan appeared on television on Monday night to explain the air strike against Libya he came across as effectively as ever. But for once he was upstaged. By far and away the most dramatic thing about the administration's presentation was the map used by the Defence Secretary, Caspar Weinberger, to show the route taken by the British-based F-111s.

The line went around Brittany, the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian peninsula, through the Straits of Gibraltar and on across the Mediterranean. Nowhere between Britain and Libya did it touch land, though most of the land involved was that of America's Nato allies.

According to Weinberger, the route taken was about 1,200 nautical miles longer than a direct flight across France, which is if anything an under-estimation. But even that figure represents 2,400 extra miles of night flying and repeated inflight refuelling.

The etching of this line on the mind of the American people is likely to be the most enduring and important consequence of the Libyan episode. It is a shameful line. It demonstrates, in the most graphic way possible, how America's European allies, other than Britain, view Nato. On a question as clearcut as terrorism, with smoking-gun evidence of Gadafi's complicity, the Europeans were unwilling to co-operate with their major ally and protector, even to the extent of letting

American aircraft use their air-space. On the contrary, their main concern seems to have been to distance themselves as far as possible from Washington.

An increasing number of American intellectuals and politicians have already become thoroughly disenchanted with Nato. The newly isolationist liberal left dislikes the commitments it entails. Interventionist conservatives and neo-conservatives feel constrained by it. Budget-cutters, recognizing the large percentage of US military spending which goes to Nato, regard it as a budget-sucker.

Many are outraged by the cheap ride that Europe demands. But up to now the American-in-the-street, confused by the technical arguments, figures, and acronyms involved, has not been moved. The stark simplicity of Weinberger's map may change that. Immediately after Reagan, Weinberger and George Shultz,

the Secretary of State, had finished their television appearance on Monday, British pundits began appearing to explain what a dreadful mistake it all was.

Of course, terrorism was awful and Gadafi unspeakable. But this was quite the wrong way to go about it. It would make a hero of him... unite the Arabs, embarrass Egypt, strengthen the Soviets... a dreadful mistake by Thatcher... price to pay, retaliation, escalation...

Two things stood out in all this. First, the concern about every-one's reaction to America's action, but so concerned about America's reaction to others - particularly to Europe's behaviour. This inclination to take America for granted and to be sensitive only towards the views of adversaries and to domestic political pressures is unfortunately typical. Anything else is likely to be reviled as subservience to Washington. It is one of Mrs Thatcher's great

strengths that she is impervious to such nonsense. Her countrymen may one day have cause to be grateful for that and for the fund of goodwill she has built in America as a result.

Second, unspoken but palpable, was the familiar sense of European superiority, of distaste for the dangerous crudeness of the American approach to international problems. However, the crucial difference between the United States and its major European allies is not one of culture or sophistication, but of power and responsibility. Really great powers confront problems and are concerned to solve them; others usually evade them for as long as possible.

It might be remembered that when Britain was truly great, it took on, at considerable cost and over a long period, the task of suppressing the slave trade and slavery. It was not averse to using force to do so, realizing that nothing else was likely to get the job done, and was not particularly scrupulous about respecting international law in the process. In retrospect, the successful performance of this task stands as one of the most worthy endeavours to British foreign policy; it is one well worth bearing in mind when contemplating America's response to terrorism.

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Mrs Thatcher's rash support

It has been clear for some time (Fulham confirmed it) that a movement of feeling is flowing strongly in the country against the Conservatives. The reason is the government's lack of political imagination and its sheer inability to understand the reactions of many of its natural supporters.

Three events of the past week have illustrated what is wrong far more precisely than any general analysis, and I shall discuss them in ascending order of importance.

The first is the extraordinary mess the government made over the backbench bill (Labour, but with all-party support) for improving provision for the disabled. It first jibbed at an important section of the bill and then, surprised by a threatened Tory revolt, unexpectedly capitulated on the essentials.

It had shown a startling misunderstanding of the attitudes of Conservatives, including many on the right wing. Tories want wasteful public spending cut; they do not wish to pour money into a morass of counter-productive benefits or on supporting minority-group frivolity, and sometimes want essential services (hospitals and education) to be bad, and they are certainly prepared to pay taxes for the disabled.

The second misjudgement of party feeling was over Sunday trading. In part it was mechanistic, in part doctrinaire. The Shops Bill was based on the Audit Report, which in May 1983 was endorsed in the Commons by a substantial majority of 304 votes to 184. The government foolishly took this as a measure of the support for the bill. But 120 MPs were not present that day, and public opinion had not been measured.

The whips failed to understand the extent of opposition not simply from saboteurs but from many ordinary Tories who distrusted the assurance that the bill would not lead to general shop opening from which most shop-workers and their families would have no escape. They were right. The promised conscientious exemption from Sunday working might cover present workers but hardly those of the future.

Of course, the Sunday trading law is a mess, but it could have been dealt with by allowing specified kinds of shops (garden centres, corner shops for food) to open; perhaps for restricted hours. Or it could have made it all a matter of local responsibility. Instead, the government got deeper into the mire of absurdity, and when Douglas Hurd promised no guillotine on the committee stage, MPs said: This is ridiculous, we shall be here all August on a bill which will eventually be lost. Let's try to kill it off now.

Tories do not want to be a party that understands the price of everything and the value of nothing. Instead of petulantly threatening that garden centres will be prosecuted, ministers should now devise a bill that puts order into Sunday trading and also has public support.

So we come to the extremely grave decision, with its potentially dangerous consequences, to permit the use of British bases for the bombing of Libya. Colonel Gadafi's guilt is not in question; but it is also not the point. There is no lack of will in Britain for the strongest possible action against terrorists, provided it works and does not damage its own cause. The question is simply whether the bombing will achieve its ends; and what will be its other consequences.

Its immediate likely effect will be not to stop terrorism but to encourage more of it. That is admitted by the U.S. Logic requires that the Americans should then strike again, and even more heavily. Where, then, will it stop? How many sorties from British bases will public opinion support as more pictures of mangled children appear on television? Only if it should happen that Gadafi falls in a coup which was engineered (with Mrs Thatcher's knowledge) to concert with the US strike would the American bombing action make sense, and her support of it be justified.

President Reagan's policy has divided the Western alliance. But the provision of British facilities has also divided the European nations who have a special role in the world, provided that they keep their own united voice.

Sitting in the Commons on Tuesday, I felt echoes of Suez. Of course, there are many differences. The enemy now is much more villainous than the enemy then; the Americans then were against us. But the similarities are still striking.

The decision to allow the flight from Britain was taken by the Prime Minister alone, in consultation only with the Foreign and Defence Secretaries. It is another example of Mrs Thatcher's growing propensity to forestall Cabinet discussions. (Thus it is she who keeps the question of joining the European Monetary System off the Cabinet agenda, despite the fact that both her Chancellor and Foreign Secretary are now strongly converted to membership.) Like Suez, her decision on the bombing divides Conservatives, and not simply on traditional lines - in the Commons, the Cabinet (Nigel Lawson is one minister said to be disturbed) and outside as well.

It will divide friends in and out of politics; it will (still more significantly) divide Thatcherite from Thatcherite. It has presented a divided Labour Party with a cause on which it can unite, and given the left's case against American bases spurious respectability. It leaves the Tories sitting on their benches, morose and uneasy of conscience.

This is not a good condition in which to prepare to face the country. The Conservatives will pay a heavy price for Mrs Thatcher's loyalty to President Reagan. The bombers which flew from Britain to Tripoli could well cost the Conservatives the next general election.

John Carlin reports on Latin American fears over the Contras

Mexico City Since President Reagan vowed in 1981 to "draw the line against communism" in Central America, the region has experienced the fastest military growth rate in the world, outpacing even the Middle East. According to the London-based Institute of Strategic Studies, the number of men under arms - including rebel groups - has grown in the past five years from 66,000 to more than 200,000. And this in a total population of only 22 million in the region's five Spanish-speaking countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

The Reagan administration, to counter what it sees as a threat by Nicaragua to spread left-wing revolution right up to the US border, has provided its Central American allies with millions of dollars of military assistance and has even helped create the Nicaraguan Contra rebel force of some 15,000 men.

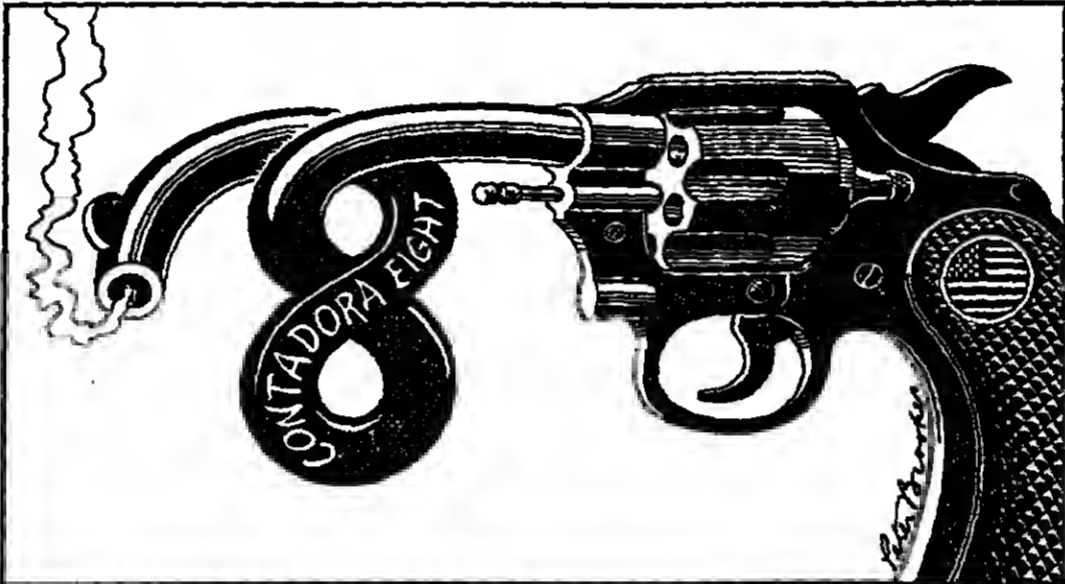
The Soviet Union, in turn, has poured tanks, helicopter gunships and artillery into Nicaragua, where the Sandinista army is now the biggest in Central America.

The democratic governments of Latin America as a whole, witnessing what they feel could explode into an all-out Vietnam-style regional war, have been mobilizing since the beginning of the year to promote negotiation and peace. A flurry of meetings of their Contadora group, ministerial visits to Washington, joint statements and alarmed declarations from presidents Alfonso, Garcia, De la Madrid and others have countered President Reagan's apparently growing conviction that the only language the Sandinistas understand is that of the gun. Yesterday, the Panamanian foreign minister claimed a fresh breakthrough.

An important point, however, is that many people have perhaps failed to grasp that the Latin Americans do see the Sandinista revolution as a problem, even if they do not talk about it in Washington's apocalyptic terms. The conservative, strictly capitalist Latin American democracies are certainly concerned at the presence of Cuban, Soviet and Libyan advisers in Nicaragua.

"Mexico is not pro-Sandinista. We do, of course, fear the spread of left-wing radicalism," a Mexican official told me recently. "It's precisely for reasons of pragmatism and self-interest that we're pushing Contadora as opposed to a military solution."

The Contadora group, which



Where Reagan can still show restraint

started off with four nations - Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama - was bolstered at the end of last year by the addition of four more: Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay, the so-called support group. What Contadora has come to mean is not just some woolly, abstract commitment to peace, as its detractors say, but an attempt to achieve peaceful co-existence with the new and disconcerting phenomenon represented by the left-wing Sandinistas.

So Washington's fears are essentially the same as those of the Latin Americans. The difference between them is that the latter believe they can find a diplomatic mechanism to prevent what is, after all, an economically crippled nation of only three million people from exporting revolution.

The country that has most to fear from the Sandinistas is Honduras, from whose borders the Contra rebels launch their attacks. The US even claimed last month that Nicaragua had "invaded" it. Yet even impoverished Honduras, pitifully dependent on US money, is making it known it is not comfortable with Reagan's policies. The country's new president, Jose Azcona, said last weekend that while he was concerned at

the possible consolidation of a Marxist system in Nicaragua, he still felt a Contadora agreement could solve the problem.

"We do not wish any ill to the Sandinista government," he said. "Mr Reagan knows perfectly well that Honduras does not want war with Nicaragua."

Philip Habib, Reagan's new special envoy for Central America, recently said that the Latin American governments "privately" supported Reagan's policy. He suggested that for internal political reasons they were bound to adopt anti-American postures.

To test this theory, the Speaker of the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, toured four Latin American nations last week. On his return he said he was convinced that "everybody was opposed to United States policy" in Central America - and opposed specifically to Reagan's request for aid to the Contras.

In view of the certainty, accepted even by the Pentagon, that the Sandinistas will neutralize the rather rag-tag Contra army however much US money it receives, the Latin Americans are more and more concerned these days about the possibility of direct US military action against Nicaragua.

Richard Ford on the concern in Dublin over policing, despite the Guinness release

Gunning for the Garda

sometimes show a lack of single-mindedness and cohesion when called on to act as a team. Somehow the line of command, where it exists in the first instance, becomes interrupted under pressure and we do not seem to have learned how to overcome that problem."

In recent years the Garda, which is mainly unarmed, has had plenty of examples from which to learn. In 1983, after police rescued the last major kidnap victim, Don Tiddy, they put a "ring of steel" around the woods where he was found, but the kidnapers still slipped away. Worse followed: suspects escaped by the front door of a house as armed police approached the back.

Formed to police an overwhelmingly rural society, the force now faces the spillover effects of the troubles in the North: the ever-present threat from subversives, drug-traffickers and large-scale crime, especially in the Dublin area.

The economic boom that transformed the Republic in the 1960s brought urbanization to a point where one-third of the population now lives in the greater Dublin area. But there was no reform of the police force to enable it to deal

effectively with the consequent pressures and problems.

Although the Garda has reported an 8.5 per cent fall in the number of crimes last year and seems to have stemmed the rising tide of drug abuse and joy-riding car thefts, Michael Murray, secretary of the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors, says: "We cannot go on policing a police force modelled on the late 19th century. We must be given the laws to do the job and a system that is practical and effective. The message to government is give us the proper tools and let us get on with the job."

Unlike the British police, the Garda is a national force under central control, with the appointment of every officer above superintendent subject to cabinet approval. With such a system, and in so small a country, the force has inevitably been susceptible to political interference, real and imagined.

Garret FitzGerald's coalition government has failed to fulfil its promise to set up an independent police authority which, it was hoped, would reduce the risk of political meddling and improve administration and morale.

moreover... Miles Kington

Along ye olde flightte path

Now that the M25 provides a fast link between Heathrow and Gatwick, it is time to re-explore the forgotten path which for so many years was the only route between the two, the Air Traveller's Way.

Though not as long as the Peanline Way or as dramatic as the Ridgeway, this green road provides a welcome retreat from suburbia and motorways, and reminds us just how difficult travel was in the days when it took three or four days to get from one airport to another.

The trail can be picked up south of Heathrow where it winds across fields and through woods towards distant Ascot. One of the first references to the Way is found in Defoe's *Journal*. "My flight being diverted from Heathrow to the Reigate Road, Night falling, one of our number called upon us to follow him, as he knew the path well. Whatsoever path he knew well, it was not this one, as shortly after midnight we found ourselves up to the waist in water, and a cry went up that we were wading to the Channel."

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Nothing much, it seems, has changed. The Way still skirts Staines, through many a wealthy back garden at Weybridge, and on towards Cobham, past the little church of St Thomas D'Angerville, where the old-time air travellers were wont to pray for deliverance from importunate porters. One sombre plaque reads: *Here lies the late Josiah Rice, Who under-tipped his man. His soul flew up to paradise - His bags flew to Japan.*

A first-night stop at Weybridge was considered good going. Lord Byron records that he fell for the twinkling eye of the ostler's daughter.

though a row of asterisks leaves the outcome teasingly unclear. On the second day, towards Cobham, the old-style air traveller would find the first of many duty-free wayside stalls, often to his chagrin, as Horace Walpole relates.

"A man near Cobham, with much winking and bowing, persuaded me to part with two guineas for a mess of 'French' brandy. On examining it the other side of that town, I found he had sold me a skiff of partly cork'd grape juice, and I would have return'd to chastise him, save that my flight was but two days hence."

Thereafter the going became rough, leading either through the "hell-hole known as Leatherhead", as Cobbett puts it, or over the severe flanks of Box Hill, where the young Disraeli fell and "broke my ankle, thus rendering my sick holiday quite superfluous, so I returned home". Thereafter it was a quiet chalking stroll towards just what I would have said was not this one, as shortly after midnight we found ourselves up to the waist in water, and a cry went up that we were wading to the Channel.

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The Air Traveller's Way then led me to Staines, and so on to Gatwick. It is perhaps more built-up than the days when Leigh Hunt took the wild and adventuresome brigand-ridden route from hateful Heathrow to grim Gatwick, but to the romantic soul there is still a good deal to enjoy. Was it not Clough, who wrote:

John Carlin

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PEAKS

Amid the torrent of condemnatory words pouring from the Kremlin in the wake of the US raids on Libya, there has so far been only one deed: the cancellation of the planned meeting between the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Shevardnadze and his American counterpart, Mr Shultz. This has led some to speculate that the second Reagan-Gorbachov summit will be postponed indefinitely. Seers of a more Jeremiah-like disposition have spoken of a major East-West crisis in prospect. Neither conclusion is justified by the evidence.

The cancellation by Moscow of the Shevardnadze-Shultz meeting does not, in itself, mean that the Washington summit is off the agenda. True, there will be no summit without a preparatory foreign ministers' meeting. True, too, that preparatory meeting will be delayed. But there is nothing in Moscow's announcement that rules out an eventual meeting once the clamour dies down, as it must.

Nor, despite the Kremlin's angry protests, is there any evidence that a postponement of the summit is unwelcome to Moscow. On the contrary, some of Mr Gorbachov's recent moves — his numerous but quite unrealistic arms control initiatives, his now forgotten proposal for an "extra" summit in Europe to discuss a comprehensive nuclear test ban, and the delay in setting a date for the Shevardnadze-Shultz meeting — all appeared to be directed towards precisely this end.

In this sense, the American side has temporarily lost its advantage. President Reagan had made no secret of the fact that he preferred the Washington summit to take place in June, before the mid-term

Congressional election campaign got underway. The Russians, probably for the same reason, were said to prefer the autumn. Assuming the summit eventually takes place, a later date will suit the Soviet side better.

But if there is no Washington summit in the next year after all, the balance of benefit becomes less clear. The question then becomes who needs a summit meeting more: Mr Gorbachov or President Reagan?

It has been argued that President Reagan needs a summit for the sake of his reputation as a statesman who will talk peace rather than wage war. This may be important for Europeans and for the Western alliance, but it will not carry so much weight with the domestic constituency. At least, not for the time being. Americans like strong, successful leadership and this is what, after the raids on Libya, he has been seen to provide. At home, President Reagan needed the Libyan success more than he needed a summit.

In the event that the Libyan raids turn sour for the Americans or fade into oblivion, the considerations change. Then, President Reagan will have to demonstrate that he is capable of dealing with the Russians, be it in diplomacy or in arms control. He will need his statesman's mantle again, for his own sake and for the sake of his Republican Party, which faces the mid-term congressional elections — with a new candidate — two years later. In this case, a summit could become a priority.

At present, however, it is probably the Soviet leader who needs a summit more. He is relatively new to the inter-

national scene and still needs to establish his position as leader of a superpower. This has become especially important in the light of Moscow's disinclination — which some will see as impotence — to defend its Libyan friends. But a summit, if it is to benefit the Soviet leader, would have to take place on certain conditions.

To satisfy his domestic constituency, the Communist Party and the military establishment, Mr Gorbachov has to return to Moscow with the tangible concessions from the Americans he failed to obtain at Geneva. These are a postponement of the Strategic Defense Initiative, failing that, a nuclear test ban agreement. Anything less will cast the Soviet leader in the untenable role of supplicant. In this case, he might well calculate that he is better off without a summit at all.

A fruitless summit, on the other hand, could suit President Reagan well. He would have been seen to entertain the Soviet leader in Washington (statesmanship) without giving anything away (strong leadership). His domestic constituency would have cause for satisfaction.

The balance of advantage at present is marginally on President Reagan's side, whether there is a summit or not, whether it achieves anything or not. The acrimony between Moscow and Washington at present means, however, that any benefits accruing to one are likely to damage the perceived interests of the other. In such an atmosphere, the postponement of the planned summit — if that is what happens — is an eminently appropriate solution. Certainly it is not the "major East-West crisis" that a failed summit would be.

TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY?

Perhaps more than any other government, the Irish has reason to be worried by the kidnapping for ransom of rich or prominent people, and of people employed by corporate bodies which have the resources to find the money demanded. In consequence, there has been increasing worry in Dublin on account of the growing practice of offering insurance for specified sums to cover the risk of ransom. It is feared that the knowledge that money is available may encourage the crime, and with that concern it is right to sympathise.

It is, of course, not a new thought that the existence of insurance may actually raise prices for some services covered. The suggestion can be made, for instance, in regard to accident repairs to cars or even for medicine covered by insurance. But that kind of thinking is, by its nature, susceptible neither to proof nor disproof. Concern over the mushrooming of companies and policies offering cover for ransom is of a different order and is of far more persuasive kind.

It is not simply that criminals and subversives may see the existence of such cover as an incentive to commit the crime. There is also the fear in Dublin that the "existence of such policies promotes protection rackets, and in both Dublin and Belfast there is suspicion that demands for money are made under threat of kidnapping, perhaps by no more than a telephone call, to a greater extent than may be supposed. But nobody can know how extensive this is or how much money is paid out.

It is quite clear also that the Irish concern also embraces the payment of ransom itself, and that is only logical. How can insurance cover against the risk of ransom demands be banned unless the payment of ransom itself is made illegal? No law exists against it, but there have been some suggestions that those who pay it should be liable to prosecution as accessories after the fact. But it is at this point that the essential obstacle to action arises. Law, if it is to be good law, must be enforceable.

There is in practice no way in which it would be possible to stop the payment of ransom to recover a kidnapped member of a family if their nearest and dearest relative is determined to pay it and has the means. It is, of course, right not to pay, and right to act under the guidance of the police. But it is almost inconceivable that public opinion would support a prosecution in such circumstances.

What is clear, however, is that there is in this matter a question for the insurance industry itself. The Lloyds syndicates dealing in this business have stressed that their policies are strictly for reimbursement after the event, and that there is no question of paying a ransom as such, or of dealing directly with kidnapers. It is also a condition that the existence of the policy should never be disclosed (otherwise it is void), and that law enforcement officers must be involved. Even so, it is a type of business that the council of Lloyds should keep under careful surveillance.

HERR HONECKER'S HOROSCOPE

East Germany's Socialist Unity Party is as close as we are ever likely to get to the kind of military discipline and totalitarianism which Lenin envisaged for a ruling Communist party. Indeed, in some ways it is closer to that ideal than the Communist Party of the Soviet Union — more Leninist than the Leninists. For a Soviet leader like Mikhail Gorbachov, who faces so much stress on the so-called "Leoisist norms", here is much to be praised.

The only thing the East German Party lacks is the correct name. Its title, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, is an anachronism which dates from the forced amalgamation of the Social Democratic Party with the old Communist Party in the Soviet-occupied parts of Germany and Berlin in 1946. Coincidentally, the 40th anniversary of that unequal marriage will fall during the party congress, which opens in East Berlin today.

The congress is the latest in this year's regular quinquennial round of Soviet bloc party congresses; it will be distinguished by the presence of the Soviet party leader. Mr Gorbachov's presence may be taken, in the first place, as a tribute to East Germany's relative economic success. With 2.5 per cent real terms growth to GNP, East Germany turned in the best overall

economic performance in Eastern Europe.

More laudably still, in Soviet eyes, it has done this while preserving largely intact the basic structures of a centralized command economy. Mr Gorbachov himself has publicly praised East Germany's industrial "combinates", an organisational device which is generally held to have brought greater efficiency without reducing bureaucratic control to anything like the degree that such control has been reduced in the genuinely reformed economy of Hungary.

It would be an oversimplification to suggest that East Germany is a "model" for Mr Gorbachov's Soviet Union. Solutions which work in a small homogenous central European state will not necessarily work in a huge heterogeneous Eurasian empire. But Mr Gorbachov has very direct reasons for satisfaction with East Germany's performance.

The East German army plays an ever larger and more important part in the Warsaw Pact, while never for one moment calling into question (how could it?) the overwhelming presence of 400,000 Soviet troops. In short, it is hard to imagine a more satisfactory front-line garrison state for Moscow.

The one exception in this catalogue of Communist vir-

tute and orthodoxy is East Germany's special relationship with West Germany. Most West German observers will be watching the congress above all to see whether Mr Gorbachov finally gives the green light for Erich Honecker's long-planned trip to West Germany, postponed under Soviet pressure in the summer of 1984.

Mr Gorbachov must obviously be sensible of the great economic benefits which flow to the Soviet Union from that special relationship, and of the added political leverage which it gives him in his sustained endeavour to weaken Bonn's ties with Washington. However, that leverage can be exercised by blowing cold as well as hot, and in recent weeks Mr Gorbachov has been blowing more cold than hot, particularly following the Bonn government's agreement with Washington on participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Herr Honecker himself recently declared that this "conspiracy" between the Pentagon and Bonn would complicate relations between the two German states. He has also commented, with what looks almost like humour, that the prospects for his visit to the Federal Republic still stand somewhat in the stars. We shall all be interested to see how Mr Gorbachov reads Herr Honecker's horoscope.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications of Libya bombing

From Mrs Elizabeth Plette
Sir, As an American expatriate living in Britain, I am directly affected by the threat of violence by Libyan-backed terrorists. Every time I board an airliner I wonder what unpleasantness may be in store for me and my family. My husband's job requires that he travel frequently to various European capitals. Even the tightest security cannot protect people from fanatics.

The attacks this morning on Tripoli and Benghazi were futile as well as morally and legally indefensible. Such military action will only encourage terrorism. Now the American Government can be justly accused of killing and maiming civilians in the name of justice and retribution.

However, EEC governments who are quick to condemn what the US Government has done should examine their own stands with regard to terrorism. It should not take them long to do so; they have never done anything that could even vaguely be construed as offering an effective deterrent to terrorists.

Many European governments have allowed known terrorists to come and go freely under the cover of diplomatic immunity. As a result many European civilians have lost their lives. Repeatedly those same governments have refused to use the most effective non-military sanctions at their disposal: expulsion of Libyan diplomats and isolation of Libya from trading with the EEC countries.

Had West Germany, Italy, Austria and Greece joined with the US in applying these sanctions, perhaps the horrors of the bombing of the LaBelle Discotheque, the bloody attacks on the Rome and

Sport, TV and cigarettes

From the Managing Director of BBC Television
Sir, The Chairman of the Health Education Council (April 14) and his associates make some telling points about the relationship between tobacco sponsorship and televised sport.

I cannot accept that the BBC should be singled out for specific blame on this issue when we have tried, with good will, to operate within both the spirit and the letter of the agreement made between the Government and the tobacco industry.

Sir Brian Bailey's letter gave clear evidence of the substantial scale of the tobacco industry's investment in sports sponsorship. He also acknowledges these are arrangements between the tobacco companies and sports bodies, the BBC having no part in them. Indeed, in our publication, *Radio Times* we have accepted no tobacco advertising for many years.

Against this background it is not difficult to deduce the problem our production staff face in tackling the dual responsibility of providing first-class coverage of sporting events while at the same time being required to sit in judgement on possible infringements of this agreement in association with our own BBC guidelines.

The BBC has believed for some time that a complete reassessment of the situation is necessary and I have taken personal initiatives to reach new agreements and understandings. I believe we are on the brink of achieving this.

Yours faithfully,
BILL COTTON, Managing Director of Television,
BBC Television Centre, W12, April 14.

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Gloucester's schools

From the Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire County Council
Sir, Ronald Butt (March 27) is entitled to his own view of the place of grammar schools, but he is wrong to state that Gloucestershire County Council's proposals to establish a fully comprehensive system of secondary education in Gloucester and Stroud were against the wishes of the majority of local parents.

It was precisely because the articulated preference of parents, governors and public was so strongly in favour of such a move that the previous Conservative controlled administration submitted the proposals.

It is this local preference that Sir Keith Joseph has now rejected. For the authority the proposed changes were borne out of an educational ideology but of pragmatic expediency. In Gloucester alone we shall, in three years' time, have in excess of 2,000 surplus school places for a secondary population of just over 5,000, while there will be seven separate county schools running sixth forms for less than 450 students in total.

The Secretary of State says that he recognises the need for action and change, yet he refuses to allow the local authority to make the changes that are regarded by those who see the problems at first-hand as the most appropriate. He insists that he can only consider each proposal on its own merits — it is not for the Secretary of State to

Polytechnic places

From the Chief Executive of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers
Sir, I write to correct factually one statement made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (April 9).

Sir Keith stated that the lecturers in polytechnics and colleges had been awarded a salary rise for 1985-86 of 7.25 per cent and that this had affected the decision of the NAB (National Advisory Body).

In 1985-86, no polytechnic or college lecturer affected by NAB decisions received an annual salary payment which was more than 5.66 per cent higher than in 1984-85.

Yours faithfully,
MAUREEN DOUGLASS,
Chief Executive,
Association of Polytechnic Teachers,
Thorpington House,
27 Elphinstone Road,
Southsea,
Hampshire.

Aid to Nicaragua

From the Director of Christian Aid
Sir, In his article (April 8) Roger Scruton refers to "the intensive campaign mounted by Oxfam, Christian Aid and associated bodies in support of the Marxist government of Nicaragua".

Such a campaign might very well be appropriate given the tendency to fasten on the stance and inevitable shortcomings of the Nicaraguan regime rather than its real achievements, for example in health, education and land reform.

Scruton, however, is misinformed. In Nicaragua, as elsewhere, Christian Aid has followed its usual policy of working with the poorest of people whatever the political colour of the government under which they happen to live or die.

Only when that work is thwarted, as in Nicaragua by the cynical and destructive activities of the Contras, do we raise our voice against those responsible as, according to our understanding, we have every right as a charity to do.

When it comes to modest support for posters encouraging prayer "that Nicaragua be left to live in peace", if we granted Mr Scruton's own dubious distinctions between politics and charity

Jury service

From Mr K. R. Allen
Sir, I run a small but profitable engineering firm having about 40 employees. This year three of my six key employees have been called for jury service. This has caused great inconvenience and it occurs to me that, with three million unemployed and with the crime rate rising and probably linked to unemployment, it may be advantageous to draw juries solely from the ranks of the unemployed. In this way a self-regulating system may establish itself.

Yours faithfully,
K. R. ALLEN,
147 Markhams Lane,
Woodford Green, Essex.

Reluctant refunds

From Mr Herben S. Gruber
Sir, I have over the years spent many days in your lovely city of London, enjoying the surroundings, its fine people and helping to prop up the pound by freely spending our dollars at your shops. One of the extra little incentives that the shopkeepers offer is providing a return of the VAT, which takes off about 13 per cent of the purchase price.

But in recent years this refund comes slower and slower, to the point where transatlantic phone calls and nasty letters must be sent to collect the cheques. There have been occasions where even after letters and phone calls, I have had to wait until the next visit; one year later, to personally appear at the store, where I am then sheepishly handed a hastily made cheque with a "so sorry".

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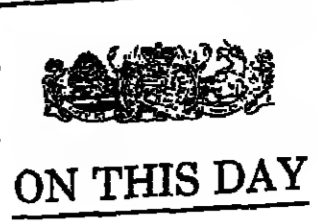
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ON THIS DAY

APRIL 17 1801

The successful engagement against Denmark led to the close of Britain's Baltic campaign against that country and her allies, Prussia, Sweden and Russia. The version of the battle as seen by the Danish commander greatly irritated Nelson who complained to the Adjutant General of the Danish Fleet.

BATTLE OF COPENHAGEN

HAMBURG, April 10
As soon as the fire of the Danes was silenced, the Hero of Aboukir, with that humanity which is so congenial to true heroism, sent a flag of truce on shore with a letter to the following purport:
"The brave English to their brethren the brave Danes."
"I am now in possession of the batteries, and wishing to stop any further effusion of blood, I consent to a suspension of hostilities."
"NELSON"
COPENHAGEN, April 7
The following is the official account given of the Naval Engagement of the 2nd instant, by *Officer Fischer*, the Danish Commander in Chief, and addressed to his Royal Highness the CROWN PRINCE.
"On the 1st of April, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, two divisions of the English Fleet under Vice-Admiral Nelson and a Rear-Admiral, weighed anchor, proceeded eastward towards the Middle Ground, and shortly cast anchor again South of the same. This force consisted of twelve ships of the line, several large frigates, bomb and other vessels, making in all thirty one sail. On the 2nd of April, about nine in the morning, the wind S.E. these ships as well as those lying North of the Middle Ground under the command of Admiral Parker, weighed anchor. The ships of the line and heavy frigates, under the command of Vice-Admiral Nelson, drew up towards the King's Deep, in order to take their station successively near the place which I was instructed to defend. The bombarding and smaller vessels took their station nearer the town; and the division of Admiral Parker, consisting of eight ships of the line and several smaller vessels, cruised with the utmost press of sail towards the South, to the ring wall of the defence.
"At half past ten o'clock, the northernmost ship of Admiral Nelson's division passed those of ours, which lay most to the South. I gave that ship which was within shot, the signal for battle."
"In about half an hour after, the engagement became general. Twelve lines of battle ships, of which one was of 80 guns, and almost all the rest of 74; and from six to eight frigates were on one side. On the other side were seven guard ships, one of which only was of 74 guns, the rest of 64 and under; two frigates, and six smaller vessels. The enemy had every where two ships for one of ours; and the guard ship *Provesteen* had, besides the Royal standard and a ship of the line, two frigates against her, which were raking her from stem to stern, without her being able to return a shot.
"Were I only to relate, in the manner of an history, what your Royal Highness has seen, as well as the citizens of Denmark, and of Europe; that this which I shall call an unequal contest, was maintained with unexampled bravery for the space of four hours and a half; that the fire of the power engaged with us was already so exhausted, that several of the English ships, and among the rest, that of Admiral Nelson, fired only single shots; that this hero, at the very moment, and during the very heat of the battle, sent a flag of truce on shore to require a cessation of hostilities: — When I have to add the account of receiving two English ships of the line having struck, but that they hoisted their flags again, as soon as they were reinforced by other ships: — Under those circumstances, I may be permitted to say, that the ancient fame of Denmark in Naval wars has this day shone forth with incredible lustre, that I have to thank Heaven for having had all Europe as a witness to the same.
"Besides, the balance turned against Denmark in a quarter where it was not likely it should. The ships that were first, and to the South of those most severely attacked, and even the *Provesteen*, had almost all their guns dismounted, and were obliged to yield to a superior force.
"About half past 11, the Danneborg line of battle ship, close to which Admiral Nelson lay for some time, was so much damaged, that I went with my flag on board the *Holsten*; but instead of this the Danneborg fought under the streamer that had been hoisted. At the end of the battle, she had 270 men killed and wounded."

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Dressing up

From Mrs D. V. Hood
Sir, Mr Robinson (April 11) has got the wrong end of the stick, or rather the carrot. Manufacturers of vegetarian food "dole it up" to increase their market by attracting carnivores. We like vegetarians often prefer simple nut or pulse recipes.

Yours faithfully,
DILYS V. WOOD,
5 Brambling Court,
Chesterfield,
Derbyshire.

From Mr N. Powell
Sir, Vegetarians who invest in such strange devices as Vegabangers and Vegeturgers do not, as Mr Robinson supposes, suffer from inferiority complexes. They suffer from children.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL POWELL,
18 Church Street,
Baldock,
Hertfordshire,
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Britain needs a bigger break in showbusiness

Conferences and exhibitions make up a £1.6 billion-a-year British industry which is growing, is exciting in its exploitation of new technologies and techniques and which is promising more new jobs. But there is a debate at the heart of this comparative success about the industry's future pattern of development decisions that could be crucial may not be far away.

The debate has arisen essentially because of the different ways in which the industry has developed in Britain and the Continent, where public-sector influence has been stronger.

There has been a greater proclivity across the Channel to pour national or local funds into facilities which are seen as producing a pay-off for a whole community as conference and exhibition business is drawn to an area, bringing spending by delegates and others to shops, hotels, restaurants and entertainments.

This appears to explain some key factors. In 1983 in the United Kingdom, exhibitions generated business of around £555 million and conferences £655 million, according to British Tourist Authority analyses. The value of the conference market rose to £735 million in 1984. Spending on business tourism, mainly conferences and exhibitions, was put at £1.25 billion in 1983, rising to £1.6 billion in 1984.

Trade estimates suggest that growth continued last year. The latest study of exhibition trends nevertheless does not make too happy reading.

It is the work of Dr Fred Lawson of the University of Surrey with its high reputation in the leisure industry field, carried out under the aegis of the British Tourist Authority. Dr Lawson found West Germany has been attracting nearly eight times as many foreign exhibitors compared with British venues and five times the number of foreign visitors. In France there were four times as many foreign participants.

More exhibitions are held in Britain but they tend to be smaller than similar events in Europe. It reflects the different structure in Britain, according to Dr Lawson. The new Paris-Nord complex, with 1.2 billion square feet of exhibition space, is larger than the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

There is substantial growth in the conference market, according to the BTA. There was a 9 per cent growth in 1983 over the previous year and 1984 saw a 12 per cent increase.

The BTA believes there is a close correlation between the pattern of business arrivals in Britain and attendances at conferences. The BTA expects 3.28 million overseas business visits this year, an increase of nearly 40 per cent on the 2.36 million visits in 1982.

But the BTA in its latest analysis warns: "While the value of the conference market appears to have grown consistently Britain is facing

formidable competition in the international market place." International association meetings increased by a fifth from 1980 to 1984 but Britain's total remained static.

The BTA says it leaves two challenges to the British industry. Investment in new facilities needs to be sustained, with refurbishing of existing venues - and promotion needs to be pressed home to the international decision-takers in the conference field. The BTA said: "The potential rewards have never been higher but the level of international competition has never been greater."

Even though London last year hosted the American Bar Association annual conference, probably the most fabulous money-spinner of them all, it hardly invalidates the point.

At any rate Britain this year has a new conference offering - the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre opposite Westminster Abbey and just behind Parliament Square. The £44 million development is a government venture so state needs make the first call on its facilities. But it is taking commercial bookings as well as a location which could hardly be bettered once delegates are there. Their hotels will on the whole be not quite as close as might be desirable but there is no doubt it is a plum position.

Current investment in conference centres amounts to £105.4 million, according to the latest assessments of the English Tourist Board. That includes the Queen Elizabeth



The new Queen Elizabeth II conference centre: Built by the Government opposite Westminster Abbey and near Parliament Square

investment, still the largest single injection in the sector. Local authorities are responsible for most of the other projects in this category, the main exception being the conversion of the Royal Agricultural Hall at Islington into a business design centre. European Regional Development Fund grants have played their part, with £2.1 million going to the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford, £2.4 million to G-Mex in the imaginative conversion of the Central Station at Manchester and £2.2 million to the Rosetor conference centre at Torquay.

A shortage of exhibition space in London is forecast for the next decade in London by Dr Lawson. By 1991 demand for space is projected to rise by a half above 1983 levels.

He would like to see another £47 million spent by 1991 on increasing capacity, which he believes would yield an 8 per cent net return on capital after three years. This increase in

capacity could be achieved, he considers, by options like the extension of facilities at Earls Court and Olympia or completely new centres either in Docklands or in the west of London close to the M25 and Heathrow airport.

Among the ideas being explored in the Docklands area are an arena and a domed facility, both large-scale. Government and local authority support may be necessary to help create the sort of shop window in the capital which could compete on equal terms with the new facilities being provided in mainland Europe, Dr Lawson points out. But the prizes could be attracting a number of major international exhibitions leading up to the end of this century, culminating in a Great Exhibition of 2001, which will be the 150th anniversary of the original Great Exhibition.

It might be argued that it could be a platform for dem-

onstrating British industrial renaissance and giving a boost to exports as the oil revenues wither. Dr Lawson's reckoning is that such a scale of development could bring an economic benefit overall to the capital of £70 million a year by 1991. £138 million by 1996 and rising ultimately to £224 million a year.

He warns in the study: "There can be little doubt that the United Kingdom has fallen well behind other comparable European countries in developing its exhibition industry and that the economic loss to this country is considerable." Action is needed urgently, he maintains, because full implementation of any plans will take probably until at least the end of the present decade.

Not all those in the industry

are equally convinced that a massive expansion in London's facilities is the answer. A single big new centre could, they argue, simply hit Britain's other big single centre, the NEC in Birmingham.

At Earls Court and Olympia, part of the P & O group, there are plans to increase the Earls Court capacity by a quarter. The new Olympia 2 has raised capacity at this other site by 34 per cent, attracting 26 shows in its first year by providing facilities tailor-made for medium-size events which otherwise have gone to hotels and other smaller venues.

A trend throughout the industry for running conferences in tandem with exhibitions has led to plans for a conference centre area at Olympia.

Tim Harris, chairman of Earls Court and Olympia, who says that the operation has been a contributor to group profits, said: "There is room

to add on further. We will do that when we know the demand is there." Meanwhile he remains sceptical of too fast a rush into pouring public money into providing vastly expanded facilities in London.

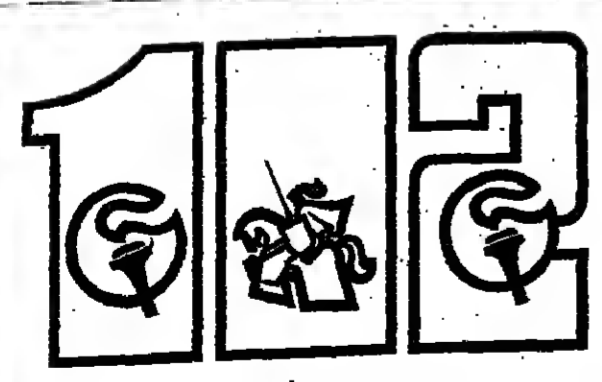
But he added: "The industry has been doing well overall and London has been outperforming the sector as a whole. We are still under a lot of pressure to put on more shows even though there has been a shake-out, for instance, in the high-technology show sector."

Exhibitors are looking for value for money which could mean a bright future for the fixed-stand concept, successfully exploited at Olympia, which is cheaper because it slashes time taken in erecting and dismantling entirely individual stands.

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How the seaside takes the trade

Not every conference or exhibition organizer wants to go to London. The political parties, for instance, have found that the big seaside resorts can provide a pleasant environment as well as less expensive hotel accommodation for their annual autumn meetings.

Harrogate and more recently Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester offer an attractive alternative with fewer transport costs for northern industrialists to exhibit their merchandise.

The Greater Manchester Exhibition and Events Centre which the Queen opened on March 21 is only one example of a spate of new regional centres which are competing for international as well as national events. Another is the Scottish Exhibition and Convention Centre which was also opened by the Queen last November.

Funding for the new Manchester complex is being shared equally by the public sector and the private sector but there are now hundreds of smaller venues funded by hotels and other wholly commercial operators throughout the UK.

Known as G-MEX, the new Manchester centre is an imaginative development which has transported the disused Victorian Central Station and its great single-span Train Hall into the high-technology era.

A big advantage for this centre is its location in the heart of the city, offering visitors access to offices, hotels, restaurants, night clubs and theatres within a few minutes' walk.

The new Manchester and Glasgow exhibition halls are looking for international as well as national events. This is one reason the Glasgow centre was particularly pleased to be able to announce almost on the eve of its grand opening that it had booked up the August 1987 meeting of CEDESCO (Le Comité Internationale d'Esthétique et de Cosmétique) against competition from Spain and Israel.

Two thousand international health and beauty experts are due to attend the three-day event and for any who have attended conferences in Scotland before, the new £36 million development represents a great improvement on the old Kelvin Hall.

At Birmingham, where the National Exhibition Centre was one of the first of the new-generation regional venues to give London a run for its money, one response has been to pool resources and market the region as a whole. The other has been to initiate a second large-scale development to provide conference facilities which are associated with the existing exhibition space.

Construction starts this year on a £107 million complex, the Birmingham International Convention Centre, due to open in 1989.

EEC investment for a new centre

The new centre is intended to complement the exhibition halls and will comprise three large convention rooms seating 1,500, 3,500 and 2,200, with several smaller halls and seminar rooms.

Meanwhile, a very active Birmingham Convention & Visitor Bureau formed in 1982 has been marketing a variety of other venues in a 2,000 square mile area, ranging from Stratford-upon-Avon to Coventry and Warwick under the banner of the Big Heart Of



Inside Manchester's conference centre: Funded equally by public and private sectors

England. The bureau co-ordinates bookings in 140 varied locations, including the cricket ground, the home of the Professional Golf Association, assorted hotels and public houses and Warwick Castle.

A big feather in its cap was the World Conference of the International Rotarians. They brought 22,453 members and wives to the area in 1984. Another important event won against international competition is the Round Table Convention scheduled for 1987.

Among other towns which have developed new facilities is Nottingham with its East Midlands Conference Centre. This is located two miles from the city centre and is next to the Nottingham University campus.

The seaside resorts have not allowed themselves to fall behind the new competition from the industrial centres. One of the most remarkable new developments has taken place at Scarborough which with English Tourist Board help raised a grant partly from the EEC and partly from private investors to redesign completely its old Spa Theatre.

Now it is a modern convention hall which has brought a great deal of investment, estimated at about £12 million to the town.

At the other end of the country, Bournemouth has unwrapped a brand new £17 million centre and is pitching for international business as well as the big political conferences. The enormous 4,000-seat main auditorium can be retracted to provide 18,460 sq ft of exhibition space. A second smaller hall, the Tregonwell, seats up to 1,200 people and a small exhibition area can be used concurrently.

Bournemouth is looking enviously at Brighton which, partly by luck through its proximity to Gatwick airport, and partly by good planning, has built up a substantial presence on the international conference circuit. Last year its events included the International Association of Light House Authorities in SIGOS 85, (the South International Banking Operations Seminar) and next year it is expecting the International Association of Gerontology.

Having been in the conference business for almost 100 years Brighton has great experience. It was one of the first British seaside resorts to shake

off the grudging postwar attitude to letting rooms to business delegates and injected a new purpose-built conference-exhibition centre into the heart of the town in 1977.

Brighton fortunately did not bit the same problems with delays, escalating costs and trouble with local ratepayers which blighted the development of Harrogate's International Conference and Exhibition Centre which was eventually opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in March 1982, five years late.

Nevertheless, the authorities are keen to stay in favour with ratepayers and try to split the bookings 50 per cent for conferences and trade events and 50 per cent for events which will be of interest to the townspeople.

A few years ago research showed that about a third of the £86 million a year which visitors spent in Brighton came from conference delegates. Probably an even larger proportion of the 8,000 local jobs which the study showed were supported by visitors came from the conferences and exhibitions trade.

Most conference and exhibition delegates spend some time sightseeing and shopping during their stay. Brighton is lucky in having the Royal Pavilion to offer as an important tourist attraction. But its Lanes complex of antique shops, pubs and cafes also helps to woo foreigners.

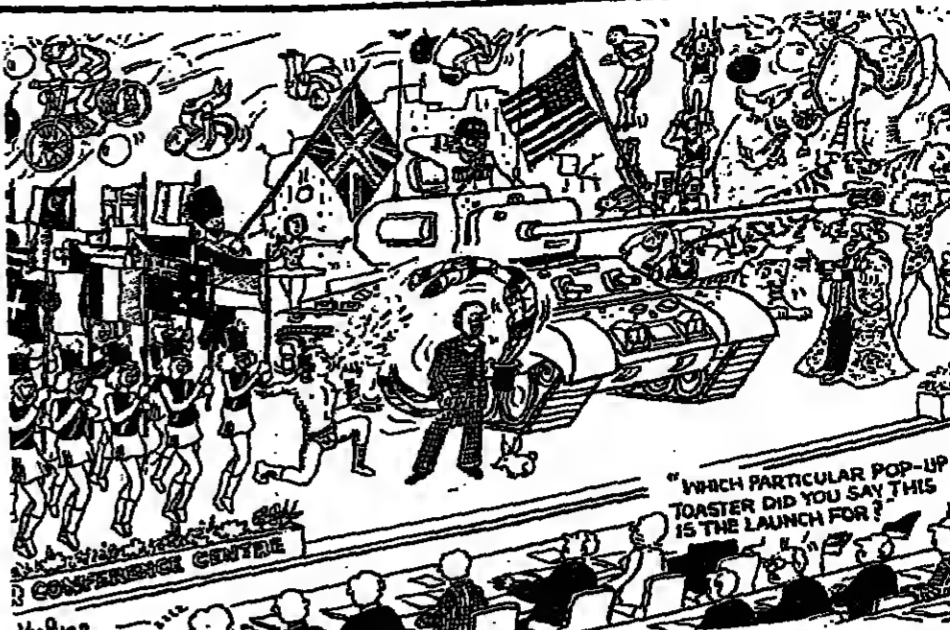
Blackpool, which was Brighton's main competitor (until the arrival of the new Bournemouth centre) for the big political and trade union meetings has a less graceful image, smacking more of fish and chips than escargots. It too has benefited from transport developments, notably the opening in 1975 of the M55, which brings it within easy reach of anywhere in the country.

A new four-star hotel of 250 rooms, all with private bathrooms and 12 suites (one of them Shirley Bassey's favourite) has been added in the past few years. Another comparatively new development is a £10 million shopping mall right in the centre of the town.

In 1983 the magnificent illuminations which turn the seafront into an electric wonderland every autumn alone were estimated to have brought eight million people to the town - some of them on company business.

Delegates spent £86m in Brighton

Patricia Tisdall



The cabaret that sells

The conferences which companies organize to launch new products are very different from the lecture-style events run by trade associations, learned societies, political parties or trade unions. With music, coloured lights, dancing girls, fireworks and dry ice, they often resemble a cross between a fairground and a stage musical.

The frivolity, however, masks a serious business purpose. The aim is to attract the attention and above all impress key sales staff, dealers and customers.

Car makers used to hold pride of place in setting up lavish spectacles to launch their models to dealers. Increasingly, though, computer manufacturers, office equipment producers, airlines and even defence equipment makers are turning to razzmatazz to impress potential customers. Office equipment producers have a predilection for holding their events in the south of France, Monaco or a similar venue where sunshine, wine and gastronomy can enliven the facts and figures of a business presentation.

In terms of pure theatre, one of the most elaborate shows of the most elaborate shows was the launch of British Airways' new livery in late 1984. The presentation involved the construction of a 216-seat theatre with a moving auditorium inside an aircraft hanger at Heathrow airport.

The 40-minute "show" started with stereo sound and cloud scenes to give a space atmosphere. The audience was then "blown" to the next scene. The performance ended with flashing "runway" lights focusing at a single green light which suddenly turned into a smoke-filled laser wall. Gradually the "wall" disappeared to reveal the star performer - a Boeing 737 respresenting in the new livery.

The audience was then invited to inspect the airliner and also a sample of a new check-in desk, a first-class lounge area, a ticket office and vehicles. As one audience filed through the cabin of the aircraft, another was assembling to take its seats and "fly" through the show.

In this way, 10,000 people saw the presentation, which involved 50 tons of engineering equipment, 500 stage lights and five miles of cable. Some events naturally lend themselves to show business. A convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians with more than 1,000 delegates held at Eastbourne invited local residents to stop anyone wearing a badge and demand to see a new trick. Delegates as well as residents were thus treated to a champion escapologist freeing himself from a rocket 100ft

above ground while another magician wandered along the beach with a model "floating" on air alongside.

Other functions need a little help from technology to grab the interest. One of the most difficult challenges which Standard Telephones and Cables ever tackled was in presenting the 1982-83 Faraday Lecture at the invitation of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

The subject of the lecture which toured 15 towns and cities during seven months was the technology of optical communication, which uses laser light and tiny threads of glass to transfer information.

The problem was how to make the "lecture" interesting. The answer which STC used was a theatre set which incorporated an elaborate lighting system, film, stereo sound and multiple slide projection.

It was conceived by Richard Pibrow, one of the world's top lighting designers, written with the help of broadcaster

Flexibility through satellite links

Brian Redhead and opened with the recorded voice of Ian Holm, the actor. Altogether the 50-minute presentation involved 1,400 slides and 2,900 cues for audio-visual material under the title of The Photon Connection.

In theory at least, technology can be developed to replace the necessity for conferences. Delegates can participate in meetings without leaving their offices through satellite-linked communications equipment. In practice, apart from experimental presentations, satellite links are rarely used.

One reason is the high cost of the equipment, especially

when advance booking of a satellite channel has to be accompanied with a large down payment.

Teleconferencing is, however, becoming popular as an aid to helping conferences become more flexible and more mobile rather than to replace them.

One company found it more effective to invite an audience to attend six different venues around the country than to bring them all to London. The separate audiences were linked by landline and a microwave link allowed delegates to question a panel of experts from hundreds of miles away - and see the replies live.

A combination of a computer and video unit can be used to arrest the attention of passers-by and engage them in a "conversation" by asking questions and seeking responses. A keypad of 10 buttons at the front of the monitor below the screen is pre-controlled to provide a sequence of responses to the viewer. The machine can also record the responses for analysis at a later date.

An element of show business can sometimes be most successfully added outside the conference hall itself. Catering managers given sufficient notice, can add their own "magic" touches - by reproducing the association's symbol and house colours in ice cream or its name in pastry rolls or pasta letters in soup.

At closing functions dry ice and fireworks can add considerably to the drama while the impact of comedians, singers and professional entertainers of all sorts can be increased by careful injection of tailored material - the names of corporate personnel, "in-house" jokes and the like.

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CONFERENCES/3

The masters of time and space log on

The biggest problem that a conference organizer faces is that of finding a venue for the event. Some search through one or more of the many directories. An increasing number, however, are turning to venue-finding agencies in their search for conference space.

The success of these agencies is the result of two factors. First, there is not an authoritative source that lists all the venues in the UK. The closest such a list is the Conference Blue Book published by Spectrum Communications, although Spectrum themselves do not claim that this is a complete list.

The use of venue-finding agencies is very attractive, particularly since their services are free to clients. Peter Rand, Conference Placements, claims to have been the first organization in this field, having been set up in 1973. Their method of working is now common throughout the industry.

A client will contact the company, usually by telephone and explain what facilities are needed. The agency staff search their records and locate venues that meet the criteria, make provisional bookings and provide the client with information on recommended venues.

Once the client has chosen one, prices are negotiated and the booking is confirmed by the agency which then receives a commission from the venue.

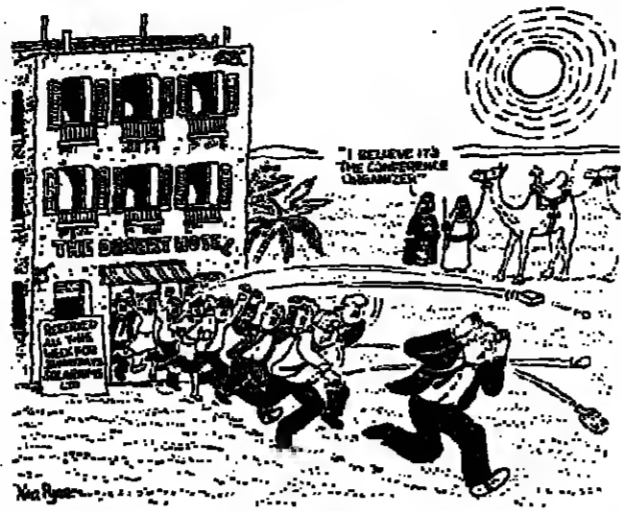
Over the last 11 years, the number of companies providing the service has grown and now there are between 30 and 40. Most rely on the experience of their staff along with collections of brochures for their information. One of the newest companies, however, has recognized that this type of information is ideal for computerization.

Twelve months after beginning to assemble data on computers, Conference Care became operational. The company claims that they can search more records more accurately by computer.

By charging hotels for being included in the data bank, they are able to give clients a list of suitable venues, even if the booking is made by the client direct.

Venue-finding agencies tend to be viewed as a necessary evil by the hotel industry. As one hotel manager put it, "They do bring in business, although it's irritating when we have to pay commission for an event that we have always booked direct in the past."

Even so, the main hotel groups are creating their own



venue-finding services. The Trusthouse Forte Hotels group has recently extended its Meeting Point service, adding a computerized search. This is similar to that operated by Conference Care, although it covers only the 200 Meeting Point properties.

However, the most significant difference between Meeting Point and other venue finders is that the company has implemented a programme aimed at establishing what it describes as "consistent professional standards". This involves providing basic conference equipment and appointing a Meeting Point manager at each property.

In the past, organizers have tended to have to deal with the different departments of an hotel individually. Trusthouse Forte claims that its Meeting Point managers will provide a central contact who has executive authority.

This is an example of a company moving into venue-finding as an extension of its existing business. The same is true of some conference production companies. Though many of the clients of these organizations select their own venues, some expect the producers to recommend suitable meeting facilities.

It was this that led Commercial Presentations to cre-

ate a separate department that searches out venues for clients. Their operation is different from that of the specialist companies because they expect to organize the events that they place.

In a similar way, Eaton Catering saw venue-finding as a logical diversification of its outside catering activities.

Eaton's speciality lies in finding unusual venues for events and these are often the Liverty Halls in London. Having placed an event in a venue such as that, the company would expect to be given the task of arranging the catering.

The range of companies that will find venues for conferences is, therefore, very wide. Yet other organizations will provide the same service, again, free of charge. These are the many convention bureaux, although they vary enormously in their ability to understand an organizer's needs.

Many of these bureaux publish guides to meeting facilities in their own territories and some of them are very comprehensive. The Hong Kong Tourist Association, for example, can provide a book which includes floor plans and dimensions of many of the meeting spaces in Hong Kong. The British Association of Conference Towns, the British Universities Accommodation

Consortium and the Higher Education Accommodation Consortium are also involved in venue-finding. In these cases, they circulate a client's requirements to their members which reply direct to the client.

So the range of information and advice available to a conference organizer is vast, with much of it being provided free of charge. The only real problem, then, lies in finding the sources that exist - but then, no one ever said that organizing conferences was easy.

Ken Clayton

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Paris, which is London's main rival on the international conference and exhibitions circuit, is continuing to inject imaginative thinking as well as substantial investment into its facilities.

The most prominent of the new developments is the conversion of the La Villette cattle market and abattoir into a multi-purpose exhibition centre, a theatre and a National Museum of Science and Industry. Estimated cost of the new complex is 4,500 million FF (£590 million).

La Villette, however, is only one example of the enormous quantities of state and municipal funds which Continental centres have pumped into developing conference and exhibition facilities since World War II.

Unlike Britain, and particularly London, where most of the development has been commercially funded, the continental centres are considered symbols of civic and national pride.

A similar development is now under way in the Far East where a federation of countries have pooled resources in the Asian Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaux to market their venues on the international front. Formed in 1983, the Association represents Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Osaka, Macao and China.

Each of these countries is investing vast sums in developing convention and exhibition facilities which will give the European centres a run for their money.

The end of 1986 should see the completion of the Raffles City Convention centre in Singapore, for instance, which will allow up to 5,000 people to meet, eat and sleep under one



roof. There are 57 hotels in Singapore with more than 18,000 rooms. By 1990, there will be 77 hotels with over 29,000 rooms.

In Hong Kong, an International Exhibition Centre is scheduled for completion in 1988. But even with its existing accommodation, Hong Kong attracted 462 international conferences and exhibitions in 1984 and hosted 70,000 conference delegates.

Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, saw the opening last September of the new and well-equipped Putra World Trade Centre which can accommodate up to 6,500 delegates. Adjoining it is a large outdoor exhibition area and a new 600-room Pan Pacific Hotel.

Thailand has also seen a big increase in its popularity as a conference destination. In 1975, the country hosted only 68 international meetings with 5,052 participants. By 1984, this had increased to 314 with 24,161 participants.

A new entrant in the market is Korea which is preparing to host the 1988 Olympic games and which this year will be the venue for the Asian games.

What does this spate of new far eastern development mean for the European conference and exhibition industries? For Britons, it represents a significant marketing opportunity to provide designers, equipment and expertise from a pool of flexible and highly entrepreneurial talent which

has developed during the last ten years or so. Because of the differences in source of funding and other characteristics British sounds, lighting, display stand and equipment designers many of whom were trained in film and theatre tend to be both more mobile and more internationally minded than continental counterparts.

The continental centres however view the Far East development as threatening potential loss of business.

Paris in particular which already claims to have the largest number of conference seats of any city in the world - it has nearly 100,000 in purpose-built centres, hotels, universities, hospitals and museums, has responded with an extensive programme of new building and refurbishment.

Another new development in addition to La Villette, is Informet, a permanent exhibition of communications media located in the futuristic La Defense business district.

The centre, which is expected to be operational within the next five years, is planned to incorporate a large white marble arch designed to complement the Arc de Triumphant. It will also include a 1,200-seat conference centre and 10,000 square metres of exhibition space.

Additionally, the Louvre Museum, close to the traditional shopping heart of Paris, is being greatly extended to

How the big overseas venues keep an edge on the UK's

double in capacity by 1987 as the Ministry of Finance moves out of the building. It will then become the largest museum in the world and there is a possibility of a new convention centre and associated exhibition space there.

All this is extra to the prestige, purpose-built Palais des Congrès at Porte Maillot, also in the centre of the city. This imposing building, opened in the mid 1970s, incorporates 19 meeting rooms, 50 offices and extensive additional suites. The main auditorium has 3,650 seats with simultaneous translation in six languages. Imposing facilities and

buildings are only part of a location's attraction for conference and exhibition organizers seeking big attendances. Good hotel accommodation is a vital ingredient which some of the iron curtain countries overlooked in their conference venue planning.

This is not a mistake which far east cities such as Hong Kong or Singapore, whose hotels consistently win top ratings, are likely to forget. Less controllable however is the ability to convey a feeling of security. International conference calendars are fixed years in advance and the organizers flinch from incur-

ring disruption from political instability. Paris's biggest plus is its romantic sophisticated image but Switzerland ranks highly on the security stakes and it is not surprising that Geneva should rank third after London and Paris on the international league table of events.

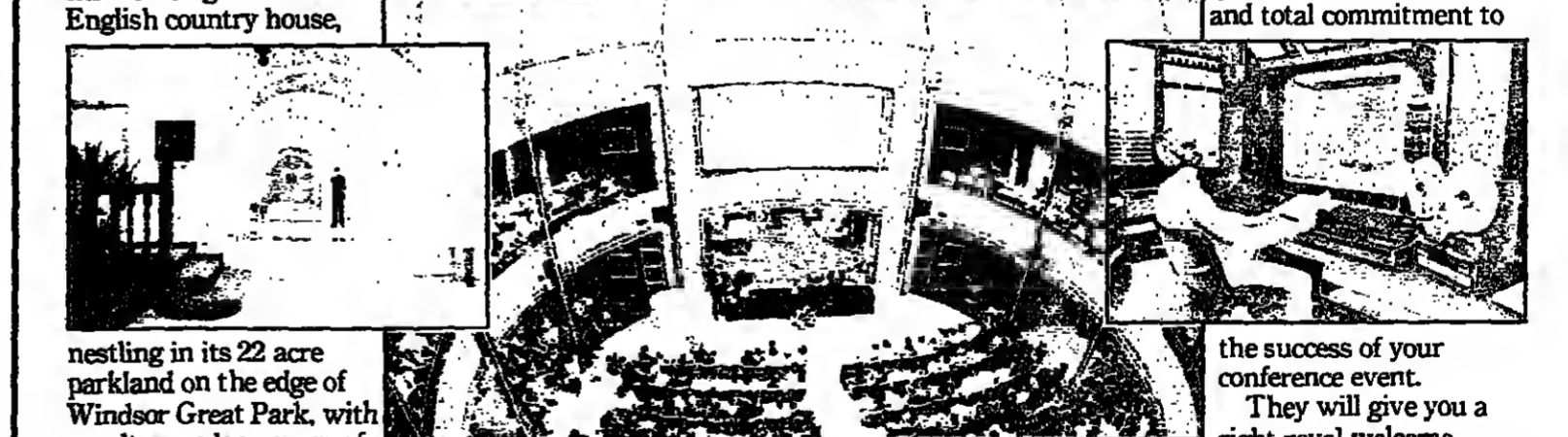
For conferences Geneva has an International Conference Centre and for large exhibitions the city built the Palexpo centre opened in 1982 located within a mile of the airport and less than 15 minutes' drive from the city centre.

Switzerland however is a small country and it is perfectly easy for a delegate attending, say an exhibition at Basle to drive to Zurich, the financial heart where conference facilities are also being expanded, and then on to Geneva all in the same business trip.

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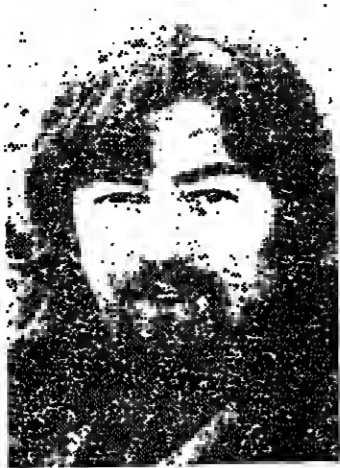
Had motor neurone disease not foud a famous victim in David Niven, it would probably have remained an obscure condition about which doctors could tell patients nothing except that they were slowly going to die. *The Best Kept Secret* (Channel 4) was a documentary about the condition which kills by destroying the nerves which control movement. At present the cause is unknown and there seems only a small prospect of a cure.

The documentary was narrated by the actress Sally Miles, who is herself affected by the disease. "How do you feel inside, watching your body disintegrate?" she asked a fellow sufferer. "Fascinated", he replied. Three of the people interviewed in this programme had died before it was screened, one after suffering from the disease for 18 years.

The disease takes three forms. It can affect the head and neck only, causing slurred speech and difficulty in swallowing; it can bring about the progressive paralysis of the head and the upper body; or it can begin in the lower limbs. The film, which was directed by Clive Donner, was made with great skill and delicacy which left the viewer with a curious feeling of optimism in the presence of people who were facing a death which David Niven described as ghastly.

The human aspect of motor neurone disease, the feelings of anger, bitterness and fear which sufferers express and the practical problems of physical degeneration, were the programme's main focus. It was a little short on facts and figures and could have been improved with a more ambitious medical explanation of the condition and a more sophisticated picture of the way in which funds for medical research are distributed. There was a strong hint that a small minority of people receives an unfairly small share of research funds.

Celia Brayfield



Sixty years after the almost Wagnerian folly of the old Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford was destroyed by fire (right), its shell next week opens up into the new house which has long been a dream of the RSC's chief executive and joint artistic director Trevor Nunn (left). John Higgins reports

Phoenix into Swan
in the new theatre
of audience contact

New theatres are rare enough birds, and in the state-subsidized section they are in the endangered-species category. But on Saturday week the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford will open the doors of a new house, the Swan, with previews of *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, generally reckoned to be a collaboration between Shakespeare and Fletcher.

The Swan is within the same building as the main auditorium, downstream on the side of the Avon, and occupying the shell of what was the old Memorial Theatre before it was consumed by flames more than half a century ago. For years the space was used as a conference and rehearsal room, whose acoustics were so good that Trevor Nunn long ago decided to try to turn it back into a second theatre. Plans were drawn up and there was a fund-raising trip to America. But the efforts bore no gold and the project was left on the drawing-board until one day a visiting American happened to spot the plans and offered to put up the money at once on the guarantee of strict anonymity. Presumably he, or she, did not want queues of theatrical mendicants at the front door. The anonymity has been maintained and the theatre opens with no one, apart from Trevor Nunn, any the wiser about the donor, who may or may not be present at the official opening next month.

The shape of the Swan has to a large extent been dictated by the shell into which it must fit. It is a vertical house, seating 400, most of whom are on ground-level just below the stage they surround on three sides. Three very shallow perpendicular tiers provide the rest of the accommodation. The aim, which became clearer as the planning progressed, is to press the audience as close as possible to the playing area. Yet it is not, the architect, Michael Reardon, insists, a second Other Place. "Nor is it a traditional thrust stage. It is even less an imitation Jacobean theatre. Rather it is a house where the carpenter has created the world in which the action takes place." Indeed, the main impression given by the Swan is one of bright, light, burnished wood. Rarely does soccer influence theatre design, but after the Bradford City disaster the fire inspectors arrived and put in a few requirements. For once they were welcome, because their demands for fire-proofing coats stopped the timbers being blackened in every sense of the word. Reardon reckons that the inspiration for his design, which includes an airy and glistening rehearsal room immediately below the roof, came from the dual palaces of the Veneto and the Po Valley, notably those of Sabioneta and Parma. There is also one influence from rather nearer home, which happens to be the theatre of Christ's Hospital, near Horsham, which Trevor Nunn visited with one of the RSC's touring companies.

Nunn, who is most likely to be found over the next few days in studios adjoining a Cricklewood duck-pond rehearsing the musical *Chess*, enthuses about the intimacy of the Swan. "It should contain the adrenalin you get when a relatively large number of people are in direct contact both with the actor and with one another. It will be a theatre where the dramatic effects are achieved by the actor, who should be able to engage the whole audience with the flicker of an eyebrow. It can never be a theatre of illusion."

But is this not another way of saying that the Swan, with its sheer back wall, will be a designer's nightmare? "Well, it will certainly not be easy for them. But we are not budgeting for visual extravaganzas. The audience will be so close to the action that I do not believe they will miss the 'design concept' they might expect in a proscenium theatre. It's probably also worth mentioning that some of the plays we're doing contain information about the location in the spoken text, as was often the habit in the Jacobean theatre. Our style, which will have to be guided by the experience of this opening season, will probably turn out to be anti-baroque."

So will the intimacy be akin to that achieved by a production such as *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, which has shown the RSC at its peak? "I agree that *Liaisons* is the best small-theatre production the RSC has ever done. But I think the Swan will achieve its effects by quite different means. In *Liaisons* the audience were drawn into the same room as the actors and turned into voyeurs. In the Swan the actors will have to be much more demonstrative and the audience will have to be participants."



Concerts

Arditti Quartet
Elizabeth Hall

Here was an unexpected bonus to London's musical scene. Due to the late cancellation of an entire series of concerts, the Arditti Quartet found themselves filling one of the dates at fairly short notice with Elliott Carter's three String Quartets. This was apparently the first time that all three of the Quartets had been performed in one concert, and the composer himself came across from Paris for the occasion.

wonderfully exhilarating evening's music-making, the Arditti Quartet delivering all three works with amazing clarity, deftness and precision, making it clear that on one level at least Carter's music is not complex at all — just particularly beautifully composed. The Second Quartet is basically in four-movement form, each movement dominated in turn by one of the instruments and all four being linked by cadenzas and framed by an introduction and coda; each instrument also has its own specially characterized kind of music. The argument which results is spellbindingly inventive within faultlessly clear outlines. The Third Quartet extrapolates from these ideas, actually splitting the four players into two separate pairs, one playing in strict time and the other freely.

alone in the second half, its magnificent 40-minute structure distantly recalling Beethoven, as did the sheer craginess of such passages as the introductory cello solo, powerfully executed here by Rohan de Saram. Memory lingers over the slow movement, a superbly sustained dialogue between trechant, sombre viola and cello and serene muted violins floating above, hauntingly conveying a sense of the great spaces between.

doubtless generations of spectators before and after him, with the perfect image of the telescoping of human and divine love. Ian Partridge made the connection too. His quite outstanding performance of Schumann's response to Heine in the *Dichterliebe* came as the climax of a recital in which carefully and heavenly love artfully mirrored each other from opposite sides of the interval.

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Contrariwise, Monteverdi's response to the Queen of Heaven has rather more of *eros* than *caritas* about it. Again, Ian Partridge's benign English tenor, however musically intelligent, could only dare a perky sprightliness when confronted with those rapid, panting exhalations of ardour in the *Salve Regina*'s "O clemens, o pia, o dulcis".

The low point of the evening was the sub-Messianic religiosity of Louis Vierne's *Les Angelus* (though it was good to give the little triptych an airing), and the *Four Biblical Songs* of Dvorak, a son of salon *Elipah* which even Partridge's obvious enthusiasm and artistry could not redeem. The high point, once again, was the *Dichterliebe*: low on trauma, perhaps, but high on a most delicately controlled sense of dream, and, from word and line to stanza and cycle, quite beautifully proportioned.

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The Gambler
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The joint work of Mel Smith, Bob Goody and the composer Peter Brevis, this is a small but immensely accomplished musical that takes place in a theatrical no man's land bounded by the Faust legend, Victorian melodrama and the actuality routines of alternative comedy. From whatever angle you approach the show, it is a relentlessly teasing experience; not least that in following the risible career of a compulsive punter, it may be delivering a hell-fire warning against the gambling life.



Bob Goody (left) with Paul Brown, Mel Smith and Philip Davis as the heavies

The story centres on one Lionel Turner, a failing dealer in furs and leather ("You name an animal and I can get hold of its skin") who comes under pressure from the heavy mob who set him up in business. Fleeing from his troubles for a day at the races, he makes the acquaintance of an arch-punter, Alex, who shows Lionel how to back winners.

There is absolutely nothing to be said in Lionel's favour. He leaves his mistress stewing in the Jag all afternoon, he lies against him he spends the money for his daughter's birthday-present on a last bet. With every fresh greedy move, you expect him to crash in flames. Unlike old-fashioned melodrama, however, the plot follows the "rise and rise" formula.

Shadowed everywhere by the Mephistophelian Alex, Lionel bets on the number of ice-cubes in his glass, the colour of his tie (shades of Sky Masterson), the number of drinkers in a bar — winning every time, and rising to his zenith on a stage carpeted in £100 notes: a climax that prompts Mr Brevis to an hilariously derisive parody of "My Way". Even at the end, when he is contemptuously invited to risk his entire winnings on the flip of a coin, the lights fade out before we discover whether it is heads or tails.

Thanks to the production style this fable switches between menace, farce, long-shot and close-up with a vigour and speed that force you continually to readjust your viewpoint.

The show opens with Mr Smith, and his merry men inviting the audience to have a flutter and handing out fivers to the winners. Then, with discreetly cool accompaniment from Mr Brevis (keyboard) and his band, we move into a marvellous panoramic view of the racecourse: grotesque punters, touts, tic-tac men, a quartet of bosomy barmaids — all played with hair-trigger timing by Smith, Goody, Philip Davis and Paul Bawn. When Mr Bawn, as the girlfriend, happens to sink to his knees, this is a pretext for instantaneously transforming him into an Irish jockey.

Music, meanwhile, supplies an icy antiseptic commentary to the action, and sometimes leads the way, as where Mr Brevis plunges with gusto into music-hall pastiche, or coaxes three dark-spectacled heavies into an elegant sar-

bande, with knee-jerk interpolations. Of the two main performances, Mr Smith is quite as powerful playing straight as Lionel's unforgiving wife as in clowning; while Mr Goody's Lionel (inescapably reminiscent of the young Bob Grant) arouses horror and delicious laughter in equal proportions.

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West Midlands police to get plastic bullets

Police in the West Midlands are to be allowed to stock plastic bullets for the first time after the police authority decided yesterday to overturn a long-standing ban imposed by Labour councillors.

Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable, said that a squad of about 15 rifle marksmen would start training almost immediately.

He was speaking after the new West Midlands Police Authority voted by 19 to 10 to allow the force to stock plastic "baton" rounds. The authority replaced the Labour-dominated police committee which had withheld permission for the police to buy plastic bullets and which was abolished along with the West Midlands County Council.

Magistrates, whose vote was crucial at yesterday's meeting in Birmingham, voted with Conservatives, who like Labour, have 13 seats on the new authority.

Councillor Neville Bosworth, the Conservative chairman of the authority, said it was time to look again at Mr Dear's request for plastic bullets after the Handsworth riots when two Asians died in a blazing post office, scores of policemen and civilians were injured and more than 40 properties were destroyed.

Labour councillors at the meeting warned that the use of plastic bullets could destroy relations between the police and the community in inner city areas and said 15 people had died after being hit by baton rounds in Northern Ireland, including several children and a Protestant man who died this week.

Mr Dear sought to calm their fears: "I do not think as a society we can continue without that sort of weapon being available as a last resort. Most people would applaud it if we could manage to get a riot under control."

He said those who criticised would not address the issue of what else could be done during a riot when lives and property were at risk.

He accepted that the use of plastic bullets could have a "tratchet effect" of stepping up the level of violence directed at the police during public disorder - but they were still needed as a weapon of last resort.

He envisaged that in circumstances where they might be used, such as in a Handsworth riot, only four highly trained officers would fire the weapon and dismissed fears that 20 or 30 officers would be strung across a road firing plastic bullets in volleys.

He said: "I do not like the thought of this. I have a heavy heart over it and I hope they will never be used, but I cannot guarantee we can overcome a riot unless we have this equipment as a last resort."

From amid a pall of artificial smoke, intended to look like cloud, and with red and green laser beams playing on the scene, the most advanced fighter aircraft built in Britain was yesterday unveiled for the first time (Rodney Cowton writes).

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, had gone to the British Aerospace plant at Warton, near Preston, Lancs, for what should have been the first ceremonial rolling-out of the aircraft from its hangar, but it was raining and the ceremonies remained indoors.

It will make its maiden flight late next month. It is expected that in flight the aircraft will have more acceleration, and manoeuvre better, than any current combat aircraft. But however well it performs, and despite the £180 million already spent, it is the only aircraft of its type that will be built.

It is a purely experimental aircraft, designed to try out new technologies which could be incorporated in future fighters, in particular the £20 billion programme to build a new European Fighter Aircraft, in which Britain, West Germany, Italy and Spain are co-operating.

Britain's fighter plane of the future



The shape of things to come: visitors in Warton yesterday at the unveiling of the £180 million experimental fighter plane by British Aerospace

The project is known as the Experimental Aircraft Programme, and the aircraft is generally referred to by its initials, EAP.

It is claimed that the aircraft will reach high supersonic speeds about 30 per cent faster than present fighters. It also incorporates the use of new materials, and new ways of forming the wing, and a cockpit with multi-colour television-style displays.

Seventy per cent of the work on the airframe was carried out by British Aerospace, and about 22 per cent in Italy. Of the internal equipment, nearly two-thirds is British, just under one-third German, and the remainder Italian.

Mr Younger insisted yesterday that the EAP was not to be seen as a prototype for the European Fighter Aircraft, which is intended to be in service by 1995, but he expected that the knowledge gained in its design, construction and operation would make a significant contribution.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, said it was the first fighter to be produced from the drawing board to completion in a British factory for 30 years.

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countries and that in Africa alone there was intelligence of a preparation for attacks on American facilities in no less than 10 countries.

She went on: "The case for military action under the inherent right of self defence to deter planned Libyan terrorist attacks against American targets was raised."

She was careful to protect the integrity of secret intelligence, as she went on to outline Libyan involvement in the Berlin bombing of April 5 and reminded the House of the murder of WPC Fletcher, two years ago today. She also spoke of the discovery of Libyan arms as part of an IRA cache in the Republic of Ireland last January.

Mrs Thatcher told the House that the decision to give permission had not been easy and she added: "It has been suggested that, as a result

Thatcher wins support for policy on Libya

Mrs Thatcher concluded, to strong Conservative backbench cheers, by saying that terrorism thrived on suppression, political action had failed and the time had come for action.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said he feared that the action would boost Gaddafi and help breed fanaticism.

Mr Callaghan agreed with Mr Heath that it was the duty of the Prime Minister to consider British interests and if he had been in the same position he would have rejected a formal approach for the use of British-based aircraft.

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8 arrests in Mafia inquiry by Yard

By Stewart Tandler Crime Reporter

Eight people were arrested yesterday in raids in London and Bristol by detectives trying to uncover a network of companies and bank accounts used by Mafia figures in the United States and by British criminals to launder money.

In Florida, Scotland Yard officers have been working with staff of a Miami task force formed by the US Department of Justice and aimed at organized crime. Material provided by a British informant, taken by police in Florida, was yesterday being assessed by American agents.

The informant has worked undercover for the American and is believed to have revealed vital information.

At times the informant, released on bail by an Isle of Man court while facing a charge of handling stolen money, has risked his life in the operation, which was completed two days ago.

In Britain yesterday two women and six men were held at nine addresses by officers from the Yard task force set up earlier this year to examine the movement of criminal assets.

Yard officers are also working in the Isle of Man, Florida, Spain and the British Virgin Islands in an operation which could reveal conduits for millions of dollars from Mafia drug syndicates.

The investigation into the network began with attempts to track down money from the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold robbery in 1983, and this took on an American dimension.

British police, tracking a suspected Mafia assassin on the run in Britain last year, were led to the informant and an American suspect in Miami.

Joseph agrees to talks on funds for new exam

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, agreed yesterday to have further talks with the National Union of Teachers about the funding and planning of the new GCSE examination which is due to begin in the autumn.

His decision was described by Mr Doug McAvo, deputy general secretary of the NUT, as a "very significant development".

NUT members are expected to teach normally for the GCSE courses this autumn if Sir Keith is able to offer extra money for the new examination in the next few months.

Mr McAvo denied that the union was backing down on its conference policy of non-cooperation over the new examination. "We cannot achieve adequate planning and funding, as our annual conference decided, sitting in our own tents."

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Beckett going

Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry for the past six years, is to retire at the end of the year.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother visits Springfield, Spalding, 3.30.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend a lunch with the Ambassador of Japan and Madam Yamazaki, the Japanese Embassy, 23 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8, 12.45, and later attend a dinner given by the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs McMurtry, 3 Grosvenor Sq, W1, 8.

New exhibitions

Ted Roberts: The English Landscape, Municipal and Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Taunbridge Wells, Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends April 30).

Introducing Sam Rabin: Saltford City Art Gallery, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends May 25).

Twentieth century British

Recital by Linda Stowell (cello) and Stephen Topping (piano), St George's, Hanover Sq, W1, 10.

Piano recital by Margaret Lior, St Olave, Hart St, EC1, 1.05.

Piano recital by Andrew Dunscombe, St James's, Piccadilly, 1.10.

Recital by Andrew Knights (cello) and Jane Dodd (piano), Wigmore Hall, 30 Wigmore St, W1, 7.30.

Guitar recital: Lauderdale House, Waterloo Park, N6, 8.

Organ recital by Andrew Wilson, St Bartholomew-the-Great, EC1, 1.10.

Recital by David Davies (flute) and Peter Sievright (piano), 1.15.

Concert by the Edinburgh Quartet, with Kenneth Leighton (piano), 7.30.

The Concert Hall, Glasgow University.

Concert by the English String Orchestra, Worcester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Arts Choral Society, Queen's Hall, Newmarket, Northern Ireland, 7.45.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony, Pavilion Theatre, Weymouth, 7.45.

Concert by the Halle Orchestra, Manchester Free Trade Hall, 7.30.

Concert by the City of London Sinfonia, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Roads

London and South-east M1: One northbound lane closed from junction 16 (Northampton) to junction 15 (Stoke on Trent) and junction 16 (Stoke North), southbound entry slip road at junction 16 closed. M5: Central flow between junction 5 (Dorchester) and 4 (Bournemouth), both in and southbound entry slip roads are closed at junction 5. Wales and West: The North Wales Coastway between Chuddeley and Plynymouth (both directions). The North Wales Coastway between junction 32 and junction 33 (Llanelli South), M56: Junction 5 (BS1213) closed.

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Anniversaries

Births: Edward Gibbon, London, 1737; Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1863; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, discoverer of Ur, London, 1850; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, Madison, Wisconsin, 1897.

Benjamin Franklin, premier author, scientist and diplomat, died at Philadelphia, 1790.

"Bay of Pigs" attempted invasion of Cuba, 1961.

Parliament today

Commons (12.30): Debate on Alliance motion on education. Debate on SNP and Plaid Cymru motion on regional policy.

Lords (3): Education Bill, committee, third day.

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4 The daily dividend will be announced each day and the weekly dividend will be announced each Saturday in The Times.

5 Times Portfolio list and details of the daily or weekly dividend will also be available for inspection at the offices of The Times.

6 If the overall price movement of more than one combination of shares equals the dividend, the prize will be equally divided among the claimants holding those combinations of shares.

7 All claims are subject to scrutiny before payment. Any Times Portfolio card that is defaced, tampered with or incorrectly printed in any way will be declared void.

8 Employees of News International plc and its subsidiaries and of Europrint Group Limited (producers and distributors of the card) or members of their immediate families are not allowed to play Times Portfolio.

9 All participants will be subject to these Rules. All instructions on "how to play" and "how to claim" whether published in The Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules. The Editor reserves the right to amend the Rules.

10 In any dispute, The Editor's decision is final and

no correspondence will be entered into.

11 If for any reason The Times prices Page is not published in the normal way Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

How to play - Daily

On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or -), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or -).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches the Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to play - Weekly

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-52772 between 10.00am and 3.30pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

London 8.30 pm to 5.59 am
Bristol 8.40 pm to 5.30 am
Edinburgh 8.50 pm to 5.21 am
London: The FT index closed up 8.6 at 3753.4.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S or SE force 4 to 5; showers; visibility good; sea moderate to fresh; max temp 7 (49F).

English Channel (E): Wind SW veering NW force 5; showers; visibility good; sea moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N force 6 to 8; showers; visibility moderate or good; sea rough.

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Keats and the Poets, by E.L. Doctorow (Penguin, £2.95)

The Desperados, by Stan Barstow (Black Swan, £3.95)

The Ginger Griffin, by Ann Bridge, introduction by H.J. Lethbridge (Oxford, £7.50)

The Governors, by Felicia Angold (Black Swan, £3.50)

The Sheepwalkers, by Hamnett Broth, translated by Wika and Edmud Muir, introduction by Michael Tanner (Quartet Encounters, £9.95)

Virgin Territory, by Sam Marland (Penguin, £2.95)

My Uncle George, The Respectful Recollections of a Beckstorian in a Highland Manse, by Alastair Phillips (Pan, £2.95)

Rodin and Other Press Pieces, by Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by C. Craig Houston, introduction by Wilam Tucker (Quartet Encounters, £4.95)

Weather forecast

A depression over S England will remain slow moving and fill a little.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, NW, central W England, East Angles, Midlands, Lake District, NW Scotland, Glasgow, West of Scotland, SW England, Wales, Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, and Snowdonia: Wind NE, fresh or strong; some rain; showers; sea rough; max temp 10 (50F).

SE England: Early mist or fog patches; sunny or clear intervals, heavy showers with hail and sleet; rain in places; wind moderate to strong; max temp 9 (48F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, and Snowdonia: Wind NE, fresh or strong; some rain; showers; sea rough; max temp 10 (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Wind moderate to strong; rain or showers and also some sunny intervals.

Lighting-up time

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Yesterday

Temperature at midday yesterday: C, cloud, 1; fair, 1; rain, 5; sun, 1.

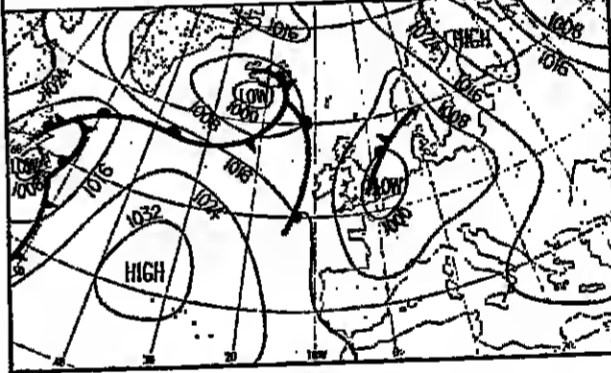
City	C	F
Belfast	6	43
Birmingham	8	46
Bristol	8	46
Cardiff	7	45
Edinburgh	6	43
Glasgow	6	43
London	8	46
Manchester	7	45
Newcastle	7	45
Nottingham	7	45
Sheffield	7	45
Southampton	7	45
Wolverhampton	7	45

The pound

Country	Bank	Rate
Australia	Bank of Australia	1.87
Belgium	Belgium State Bank	36.33
Canada	Bank of Montreal	72.30
Denmark	Denmark National Bank	13.25
France	Paris National Bank	11.25
Germany	Deutsche Bank	3.54
Italy	Banca d'Italia	206.00
Japan	Bank of Japan	277.00
Netherlands	Bank for Social Affairs	11.15
Portugal	Banco Nacional do Comercio	222.00
Spain	Banco de Espana	162.00
Sweden	Svenska Handelsbanken	1.26
Switzerland	Bank of Switzerland	1.95
USA	Bank of America	84.00
Yugoslavia	Bank of Yugoslavia	200.00

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 11.15 am and again at 8.45 am.



City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Belfast	6	W	100
Birmingham	8	W	100
Bristol	8	W	100
Cardiff	7	W	100
Edinburgh	6	W	100
Glasgow	6	W	100
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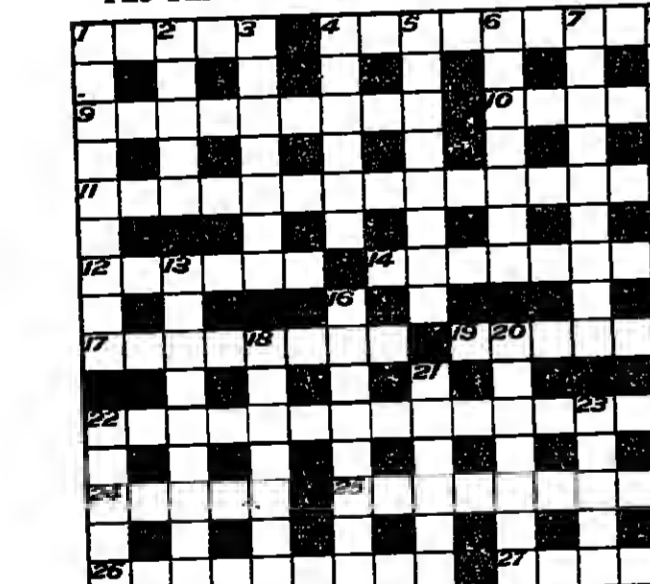
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Bristol	8	W	100
Cardiff	7	W	100
Edinburgh	6	W	100
Glasgow	6	W	100
London	8	W	100
Manchester	7	W	100
Newcastle	7	W	100
Nottingham	7	W	100
Sheffield	7	W	100
Southampton	7	W	100
Wolverhampton	7	W	100

Abroad

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	17	SE	100
Athens	14	SE	100
Bombay	27	SE	100
Buenos Aires	17	SE	100
Cairo	17	SE	100
Havana	26	SE	100
London	8	W	100
Manila	27	SE	100
Medan	27	SE	100
Moscow	17	SE	100
Paris	17	SE	100
Rangoon	27	SE	100
Singapore	27	SE	100
Tokyo	17	SE	100
Washington	17	SE	100
Zagreb	17	SE	100

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,022



ACROSS

- Change section of Tel Aviv (5)
- Put in hardly a dash, as one does with soda-water (9)
- Kind of government almost all take in course of life (9)
- Flare-nath indicator (5)
- Dispense night drug, please (8-7)
- Rudd shows signs of weeping (3-3)
- Ross Sea's stormy - loss-adjuster needed here (8)
- Thoroughly examine job done (4-4)
- Quarter called Ceram (6)
- Neither Wallop's set-backs (5,2,3,5)
- Lady-love with bad back (5)
- A sick producer when on the rocks? (3-6)
- State trumpet call rejected by witness (9)
- Free article sent back? That's the bottom! (5)
- Pick-me-up to strengthen grasp (7)
- Breaking a leg, Asian is feeling no pain (9)
- This affair shows first lady not without heart (5)
- Management's oversight (9)
- British record-holder who could become a consultant (9)
- French overseas department's social gatherings (8)
- Repulsive person boding degree in Science with English (7)
- Describe former wife? Unattractive! (7)
- Provide space for books put aside (6)
- They say there's nothing to flog here (5)
- Defenceless, having initially marked a karate expert dreadfully (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 17,021

DOWN

- Spill makes sailor's skin-blemish come up (9)
- Effect of Cumbrian's catalyst? (5)
- In final examination, Becher-Stowe's girl gets gold first (7)
- One with family in Dad's Army, going on foot (6)
- Person taking off from Port Said perhaps? (8)

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1379.4 (+8.6) FT-SE 100 1662.0 (+7.2) USM (Datastream) n/a

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.5030 (+0.0230) W German mark 3.3833 (-0.0422) Trade-weighted 76.4 (+0.2)

CBI chief to retire

Sir Terence Beckett, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, is to retire at the end of the year after more than six years in the job.

Margulies in buyout talks

Mr Ephraim Margulies, chairman of S&W Berisford, for which Hillsdown Holdings has announced a £430 million bid, has held informal talks with Hillsdown and its potential rival, Tate & Lyle, over a management buyout which would allow him to keep control of Berisford's commodity dealing business.

Etam up 37%

Etam, the women's clothes retailer, made pretax profits, excluding property profits, of £11.8 million in the year to February 1. This was a rise of 37 per cent on sales 26 per cent higher.

NEI payout

Northern Engineering Industries lifted pretax profits from £40.1 million to £40.5 million for the year to December 31. The final dividend is unchanged at 5.25p.

RMC decline

RMC, Britain's largest ready-mixed concrete company, saw profits fall from £81.3 million to £79.7 million before tax in the year to December 31. The final dividend is up to 9.4p from 8.6p.

No referrals

The acquisitions by Bache Group of Cive Discount Holdings and the acquisition by King and Shaxson of Smith St Aubyn (Holdings) are not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Venture plan

Talks are taking place between NMW Computers and Ipac, a financial communications company, to establish a jointly owned company to continue the development and marketing of NMW's range of microprocessor products.

Gold chance

French citizens are to be allowed again to buy and sell gold anonymously. Business has been slack on the Paris gold market since 1981 when the Socialist government removed the right to conduct gold transactions secretly.

Rise in unemployment biggest for four years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Government suffered an economic blow yesterday, with the announcement of the biggest monthly rise in unemployment for four years.

The jobless trend, having flattened last autumn, is now markedly upward once more. Although the unadjusted unemployment total fell last month by 12,924 to 3,323,776, the more important seasonally adjusted total rose by 36,800 to 3,198,000.

This was the biggest monthly increase since September 1981, and compared with a rise of 7,700 in February and 20,700 in January. Adult unemployment, on the new basis, was at an all-time high.

Lord Young of Gramham, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that unemployment showed an "extraordinary high increase last month".

The coldest February for 40 years undoubtedly played a part in slowing recruitment in construction and other outdoor jobs for men," he added.

Male unemployment rose by 31,000. The unemployment rate stood at 13.2 per cent, compared with 13.1 per cent in February.

Officials believe that the cold February weather did boost the March jobs rise.

The unemployment count was on March 6 - but that the underlying trend is for a monthly rise of 10,000-15,000 a month. Last autumn, Department of Employment officials said that the unemployment trend was flat.

The figures drew condemnation from opposition politicians. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP for Stockton South and the SDP spokesman on economic and industrial affairs, said: "Today's figures demonstrate the continuing failure of the Government's economic policies."

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PSBR lower by £1bn

The public sector borrowing requirement stood at £3 billion last month, bringing the total for the 1985-86 financial year to £5.9 billion, nearly £1 billion lower than was estimated at the time of the Budget.

The £5.9 billion PSBR, compared with £6.2 billion in 1984-85, was the lowest since 1977-78. As a percentage of gross domestic product, it measured 1.6 per cent, the lowest since 1971-72.

At the time of the Budget on March 18, the Chancellor estimated that the PSBR would total £6.8 billion in 1985-86. A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that March revenues were stronger than expected and that receipts had been boosted by the early payment of the third call on British Telecom shares by some shareholders.

The figures show that Britain's public finances were not harmed by the fall in oil prices in 1985-86. Non-oil tax revenues came in about £3 billion better than forecast, while oil revenues were £2 billion below forecast.

Privatization proceeds totalled £2.7 billion but are expected to rise to £4.75 billion this year.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson still wants to be taken on trust

Nigel Lawson's promised major speech on monetary policy last night did not even on a charitable reading, take us much further. His Lombard Association oration is unlikely to remove many of the doubts.

As the Chancellor set it out, we are now adjusting to a more sophisticated type of policy. In the early days, when no one much understood these things, it was necessary to frame monetary policy rather crudely, in terms of the single-target aggregate, sterling M3.

Now, we have all grown up and things do not have to be spelt out in such an obvious way.

Even so, the thoughtful, almost defensive Lawson of last night had some explaining to do. Is the Budget target range for sterling M3, a generous 11 to 15 per cent, a meaningless number, simply there to keep those in the City who believe such things matter, happy?

Is Mr Lawson, frustrated at his failure to persuade Mrs Thatcher of the virtues of joining the exchange rate mechanism, pursuing an exchange rate target all the same?

The speech provides answers to these questions, if not entirely satisfactory ones. If not entirely satisfactory ones, the Chancellor does not take us much further than in the Mansion House speech.

Setting targets for sterling M3 has become "particularly hazardous," he said, but the 11-15 per cent target reflects "both the recent trend of velocity and the effect of the abandonment of overfunding."

Sterling M3 is a poor guide to interest rate decisions, but any potentially dangerous liquidity build-up cannot be ignored. Hence the target for sterling M3. But - and just in case anyone starts drawing comparisons with the Heath/Barber years - Mr Lawson reminds us that the failure then was to ignore the clear signals from narrow money and the exchange rate.

That the exchange rate is no longer ignored was made abundantly clear. The Chancellor makes out a solid case for EMS membership.

But, having to live with the alternative, he makes the best of it. This is that a firm exchange rate, albeit it an untargeted one, is important.

But Mr Lawson is not going to be trapped into setting informal targets. Rather, policy will aim at striking a balance between domestic monetary growth and the exchange rate.

The Chancellor claimed last night that the Government has now established the track record necessary to carry off a freer and more pragmatic monetary policy.

Hawker to change

Hawker Siddeley has long felt that it was unfairly criticized for reporting year after year relatively static profits up until 1983. It points to its competitors in the engineering sectors whose profits were declining during the same time.

The 1985 results, announced yesterday, repeat the 1984 achievement of profits improving at the rate of more than 10 per cent a year. At last, the group has produced a breakdown of results by type of equipment but this still leaves shareholders scratching their heads over categories like "mechanical" specialized engineering. More detail would be helpful and should come with the annual report.

As economic activity has increased worldwide, so the engineering companies have been able to get going. But in the case of Hawker Siddeley, the attributes which allowed it to do comparatively well during the recessionary years serve to make the gains more modest in the boom years.

On turnover in 1985 of just under £1.6 billion, up an unexciting 4 per cent, the group squeezed pretax profit was £160.3 million, 12 per cent ahead of last year. This was achieved despite 1985's "black sheep", Onan Corporation, a 37 per cent owned US offshoot which fell from a £10 million profit (group share) to a £2 million loss due to two changes in ownership of the majority shareholding in quick succession when the market turned down.

Much of this growth is accounted for by the 53 per cent rise in pretax profit in the all business areas in the UK. There was a general rise in orders, one-off gains from rationalization and automation and longer-term benefits of past spending on research and development. Recovery from the miners' strike in 1984 was also a feature.

In a company as diverse as Hawker Siddeley, there are liable to be "black sheep" every year. In 1986, markets in oil producing countries look a poor prospect, but aerospace should continue to do well and the company should achieve the steady 10 per cent per annum profit rise it aspires to with ease. Meanwhile, it is accumulating cash at a prodigious rate and the market is now waiting to see whether it will make a major acquisition.

Yesterday, Hawker remained stochastically non-committal on market rumours of an interest in Simon Engineering. We shall see. In present market conditions, where no company seems immune from takeover, it will in any case be a prime task of Sir Peter Baxendell, who takes over from Sir Arnold in May, to show that Hawker can make better use of that cash than some aggressive predator.

Maxwell sells stake in Extel

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Robert Maxwell, the Mirror group publisher, made his long awaited move in the £170 million battle for Extel, the information group, yesterday when he sold his crucial 11.7 per cent block of shares to the bidders, the Demerger Corporation, and joined its board as a non-executive director.

The move considerably strengthens Demerger's position which also said it expected to pick up the eight per cent holding controlled by MIM, the investment management group run by Mr David Stevens, head of the Daily Express group and business colleague of Mr Maxwell.

Late yesterday MIM confirmed it was also accepting the Demerger terms. Demerger is offering 400p a share for Extel with the alternative of shares in the five component parts of Extel which it plans to float separately. Mr Maxwell is accepting shares.

On the stock market Extel shares rose 15p to 395p. Mr Maxwell, who had acquired his holding from Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, said he thought the Demerger proposals were well thought out but denied he had any plans to bid for any of the demerged companies if the offer succeeded.

But his decision to sell prompted a swift response from the Extel camp which has been advising shareholders to ignore the offer.

Mr Philip Boothman of Kleinwort, Benson, the merchant bankers, said: "This confirms our suspicion that Mr Maxwell has been behind this attempt to get Extel on the other side has consistently declined to say who has been behind the sub-underwriting."

Mr Peter Earl, who has led the Demerger attack on Extel, said: "It is untrue to suggest that we have agreed any carve-up with Mr Maxwell. He took a lot of convincing before he accepted our offer."

"We asked him on to the board because as Extel's largest shareholder he has a wide knowledge of the information business. He has not been involved in the sub-underwriting."

OTC firms to seek Stock Exchange membership

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange plans to establish a third-tier market for shares of companies not already quoted on the main exchange or Unlisted Securities Market are likely to lead to over-the-counter market-makers applying for membership.

Harvard Securities, the largest OTC market maker, confirmed yesterday that it would be applying to join the exchange.

The new market announced by the Stock Exchange yesterday will be called the "Third Market" and trading is expected to start on October 27, the date of big bang.

The prices of shares on the Third Market will be quoted, along with those on the main market and USM, through the Stock Exchange Automated Quotations system.

Prices will be quoted in those companies unable to meet the requirements for a quotation on the USM. Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the exchange, said yesterday that the aim of the Third Market was "to encourage an organized market in the securities of worthwhile young growth companies".

It will also encompass greenfield projects and companies already dealt with by Stock Exchange members under Rule 535(2).

The Stock Exchange intends the Third Market to become a Recognised Investment Exchange under the new regulatory system envisaged for financial markets. Sources close to the exchange said that it had become increasingly concerned that an OTC market along the lines of the more developed American NASDAQ market would develop off the exchange floor.

Access to the Third Market will be confined to those companies which are sponsored on a continuous basis by a member of the Stock Exchange. Sponsoring member firms will be responsible for the scrutiny of those companies they sponsor.

Mr Tom Wilmot, chairman of Harvard Securities, said yesterday that he welcomed the Third Market as a form of "official stamp of approval which would provide the OTC market with much more credence than it currently has."

"A subsidiary of Harvard will seek to become a member of the Stock Exchange, although the main company will remain outside", Mr Wilmot said. "We are worried about the Stock Exchange's dampening effect on people's ability to expand."

Corporate membership of the Stock Exchange was officially sanctioned on March 1 when the American Merrill Lynch and Japanese Nomura Securities became the first outside corporate members.

The feeling among brokers yesterday was that only the smaller firms would be interested in sponsoring the type of companies envisaged as candidates for the Third Market.

Bankers forgotten in pay revolution

By Our Banking Correspondent

Any manager of a clearing bank branch who ever wondered whether he was being fairly rewarded for his labours need look only as far as the bond market for an interesting comparison.

The bond market is, of course, one of those glamorous areas benefiting from the near hysteria among banks desperate to build up an "expert" team of traders, analysts and salesmen in order to compete with rivals who are desperately building up similar teams.

The enormous salaries many institutions are willing to pay some individuals have become legendary, but a report by Jonathan Wren, the recruitment consultant, has attempted to unearth some of the realities. They do not make encouraging reading for branch managers.

Take, for example, a bond originator manager. He will be in charge of marketing, swaps, documentation and execution of bond issues as well as their pricing and structuring. Undoubtedly technical stuff for which, at the top end of the market, he could expect to be paid a basic salary of around £94,000.

A younger man in his late thirties might take in a piffing £75,600. Any red-blooded bond market operator might feel he was being underpaid at this level, but the rates are going up. The older man could expect to change jobs and boost his salary to £118,000 a year, although the younger would still be earning only £90,000 if he moved to a new employer.

At the same time a bond dealer trading in the secondary market should be earning something between £35,000 and £80,000. A glance at bond dealing desks in the City suggests that he should be no younger than 23.

If, however, £90,000 is insufficient to keep the bond trader in a style to which he is becoming accustomed he can change jobs for a salary which, the Jonathan Wren report says, has "no defined ceiling" and is "not for release".

The banks appear to be embarrassed at the sums they are having to pay their dealers. Meanwhile, the branch manager - engaged in the unglamorous nitty-gritty of dealing with the general public he is probably earning more than £30,000 - though not if he is aged over 50, according to Jonathan Wren. He might, if he were doing exceptionally well, earn £50,000 a year.

Swan Hunter chief warns on costs

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Swan Hunter should be rationalized if it loses the order for two auxiliary oil replenishment vessels for the Royal Navy, Mr Roger Brooke, organizer of the management buyout, said yesterday.

Swan Hunter is competing for the £240 million order with a consortium led by the state-owned Harland & Wolff, which is believed to have submitted a lower tender.

In an outspoken attack after the annual meeting of the buyout specialists, Candover Investments, where he is chief executive, Mr Brooke said that City investors could not be expected to pay the £15 million cost of redundancy and cutbacks at the Tyneside yard if the design and build contract were lost.

He said: "It would be extraordinary to encourage City institutions to back the company on a prospectus based on the group's first class design and build capability and then to emasculate and castrate them from the start. Losing the order would 'make it virtually impossible to make a profit within 3 months'.

Backing for City 'fringe'

By Judith Huntley

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, has approved the development of financial centres outside the traditional area of the Square Mile.

He held a conference on "The Growing City" in London yesterday. "I believe that the combination of the redevelopment of the traditional City and new development at its edges can meet the demands of today without arousing the Bank's concerns about fragmentation."

New offices to house the financial conglomerates lining up ahead of big bang are being developed on the fringes of the City as well as in Docklands and along the south side of the Thames.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton added: "We have to be prepared to accept some extension of the boundaries of London's financial district."

Bill omits ADR tax

Government proposals for taxing American Depository Receipts - securities listed in the US but representing shares registered abroad - have been left out of the Finance Bill, published yesterday.

New proposals may be presented at the committee stage.

MARKET SUMMARY table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, CURRENCIES, INTEREST RATES, and GOLD.

THE SAVOY HOTEL PLC advertisement including financial highlights table and descriptive text about the hotel's performance and services.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

COMMODITIES

WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares opened higher yesterday. Share prices surged after reports of internal strife in Libya which led to enthusiastic trading.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES. Market rates: 1 month, 1.25-1.30p; 3 months, 1.35-1.40p; 6 months, 1.45-1.50p.

Economic considerations

are largely responsible for the dollar's slide yesterday. Sterling climbed by almost 3.5% to reach 1.5120 at close.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina 1.9487-1.9598; Australia 2.1033-2.1047; Belgium 1.975-1.976.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCAINE 1309-90; COFFEE 2222-2225; COPPER HIGH GRADE 85-85.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle, 97.20p per kg liv; Sheep, 77.40p per kg liv; Pigs, 120.10p.

LONDON METAL FUTURES

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Table with columns: Stock Name, Bid, Offer, Change, Yield. Includes AMR, ASA, Allied Gas, Alkac, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %; GOLD: Gold prices 75-300.25; Gold/Silver ratio 22.50-22.55.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Canada 1.5420-1.5500; Hong Kong 1.2240-1.2250; India 1.2240-1.2250.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with columns: Trust Name, Bid, Offer, Change, Yield. Includes High Low, Growth, Income, etc.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table with columns: Trust Name, Bid, Offer, Change, Yield. Includes American Express, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling: Bid 91.20, Offer 91.20, Change 0.00, Yield 11.25%.

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TEMPUS

Soaring Etam gets cold shoulder after freeze

The stock market reaction to Etam's 37 per cent increase in taxable profits — an 8p fall in the share price to 252p — appears most curious.

But trading since the year end has been difficult with a freezing February and cold spring not conducive to sales of cotton frocks.

Sales in the first 10 weeks were ahead of this time last year but below expectations.

Etam, however, coped well with perverse weather conditions during last autumn's warm spell.

Its ability to push net margins up to 16.6 per cent must be the envy of most retailers and at the end of the year it was still sitting on an unchanged cash pile of £9.5 million, despite capital spending 70 per cent higher at £10.6 million.

The steady expansion of the chain continues with 130 stores expected by the end of this year against 116 last year.

Etam believes the optimum size for the chain may be about 150, so it is looking for new directions.

An investigations manager is being hired to look for acquisitions and minority stake opportunities.

Retailing remains the prime area of interest, although the company will look at other possibilities.

Its own defences against a potential bid look secure. The directors own some 40 per cent of the stock and goodwill accounts for £110 million of the £130 million capitalization.

Any predator who could pay a bid premium and bring extra profits out of the assets, would have to have a magic formula.

Etam is also investing its cash in buying freeholds. This year £5.2 million will be spent on the prime Oxford Street site and a further £2.2 million on the Barnstable site.

In the short term the yield from property will be less than that from cash, but after rent reviews the switch is expected to pay off.

Even in the short term, Etam reckons it can continue to push up margins both gross and net. Its margins have been held during the difficult start to this year, due to tight stock control.

Taking a cautious view of taxable profits this year of £13.5 million, the prospective p/e is less than 16.

Given the impressive growth record, the shares do not look expensive.

The yield, after a 41.7 per cent dividend increase to 4.25p, is 2.4 per cent.

RMC Group

The key to RMC's fortunes lies in Germany, its second largest market. Sales there were more depressed than anywhere else last year, so in theory at least, it offers the greatest scope for recovery.

Operating profits at the German ready mixed concrete company fell by £10.8 million to £4.7 million, but the effect was masked by the inclusion of RWK, a limestone producer, as a subsidiary rather than an associate.

As a result the reported result from Germany was only £3.4 million lower at £12.1 million.

The second half, however, was much better than the first, which gives hope for a better result this year. RMC has cut out 600 jobs in Germany, reducing capacity by 20 per cent, which is in line with the fall in demand seen over the past 18 months.

By taking this action it has reduced its cost base by £6 million a year, though the full benefits will not become clear until next year.

Profits in Britain of £56 million were only slightly up on the previous year, reflecting the damage wreaked by poor weather in the first half and the costs of opening 11 new DIY stores.

This year RMC will cope with increased costs arising from the increase in the price of cement, which took RMC by surprise, as well as the poor weather at the start of the year. But there should nevertheless be a good performance.

Other areas, notably Spain, France, Belgium and America did well, lifting profits from £15.2 million to £22.6 million. As a result group profits only fell from £81.3 million to £79.7 million before tax. This year, helped by gains in Germany and in Britain, they could go as high as £95 million, and leave scope for a further increase next year.

On this basis the shares at 636p are trading on 11 times prospective earnings, assuming no acquisitions. The rating looks modest and allows nothing for a pre-election spending spree or the potential benefits of the Channel Tunnel.

NEI

Northern Engineering Industries is optimistic that it will increase profits this year,

after four years of stagnation. It is hopeful about winning several orders for large power stations overseas and says refurbishment work is picking up at home.

Yesterday it announced profits of £40.5 million before tax, only £400,000 more than in 1984 and £1 million above the 1982 level. The company pleads special factors, such as movements in exchange rates, particularly of the rand against sterling, which reduced profits by £6.2 million.

In addition there was an unexpected £4 million write off in the United States and a rise in redundancy costs from £2.6 million to £3.1 million.

However, the result was helped by a £4.7 million reduction in the company's contributions to the pension fund, which will also boost profits in each of the next two years.

NEI's underlying problem, however, has to do with changing contract terms. While NEI has not suffered from a big fall in the volume of work, it has had to accept smaller cash payments. As a result NEI is having to finance a larger proportion of working capital itself.

This led to a £50 million swing to borrowings of £32 million last year. As a result interest received of £1.2 million was replaced by interest charged of £3.5 million. This charge cancelled out an improvement in trading profits.

The rise in borrowings, which stood at 19 per cent of shareholders' funds at the year end, should not continue at the same pace this year because the company is confident of winning several large orders, which tend to have a greater cash element than small ones. It says its best prospects are in China, Iraq, Australia and India.

Once the Government announces its decision on Sizewell, possibly next spring, there should be more orders for power plants at home.

Earnings will be additionally boosted by another fall in the tax charge. Last year it dropped from 41 per cent to 30 per cent, which left earnings per share 26 per cent higher.

Assuming no disasters, profits this year should easily reach £50 million, suggesting that the shares at 104p are trading on less than seven times prospective earnings. On an unchanged dividend they yield 7.1 per cent, which looks attractive in view of the company's improving prospects.

Events in the Middle East and lower interest rate hopes were the dominating factors in the stock market yesterday.

Gilts stole the limelight with gains of almost a point as money market rates eased and the pound rose to over 1.50 against the dollar.

Equities were most erratic as dealers followed rumour and counter-rumour of explosions and further US raids over Libya.

An early mainly technical rally ran out of steam before lunch and prices subsequently drifted lower. But the strength of Government stocks and a firmer Wall Street saw prices recovering again at the close with the FT 30 share index gaining 8.6 points to 1379.4 and the FT-SE closing at 1662.0 up 7.2 points.

Another bumper package of cheerful company results and renewed takeover speculation helped sentiment at the outset, as did the calm reaction of Wall Street to the US decision to attack Libya.

A much better than expected 12 per cent earnings in-

crease boosted Hawker 34p to 577p giving another lift to the engineering sectors. Simons, which also reported good results early this week, jumped 31p to 287p on rumours of a bid from either Hawker or Williams Holdings 30p higher at 716p.

In builders RMC pleased everybody with profits well above worst estimates. The shares closed 14p higher at 634p while Taylor Woodrow was hoisted 28p more to 613p on further reflection of Tuesday's good profits and 100 per cent scrip proposals.

Tarmac, reported later this

month, advanced 12p to 470p, while Higgs and Hill put on 5p to 630p after a 20 per cent expansion. Wimpey attracted revived speculative support at 161p up 8p, also excited by the prospects of lower mortgage rates.

Among leaders Glaxo was called 27p higher at 1105p on Tuesday's cheerful half-time. Beecham improved 5p more to 406p in sympathy while Lucas added 5p to 618p behind the Hawker figures.

British Telecom at 250p picked up 4p of its recent setback on competition worries. Distillers dropped 15p

more to 680p as investors grew tired of waiting for the result of the battle between Guinness at 356p down 6p (a likely winner), and Argyll Group 3p lower at 345p.

Satisfactory results supported NEI at 104p. APV 32p and Matthew Hall 146p up 2p to 6p. Delta Group jumped 10p to 345p on vague talk of a bid from BICC. Crown House was also wanted at 206p up 10p.

In firm electricals Bowthorpe enjoyed further interest at 510p up 25p after Tuesday's results and ahead of the bid for Protimeter. Racial

recovered another 14p to 204p. Takeover rumours continued to excite Wedgwood at 321p up 28p.

Extel gained 12p to 395p as Robert Maxwell and MIM assented their stakes to the Demerger Corporation.

Kenning Motor dipped 18p to 200p following the board's recommendation of the new cash alternative offer from Tozer Kemsley. WSL Holdings advanced 12p to 145p on the satisfactory rights issue result.

Avana improved 12p to 581p influenced by a recent favourable circular from de Zoete. An 18 per cent setback cut 8p from British Mohair at 130p. Coats Vytella lost another 8p to 528p in spite of the optimistic tone of Tuesday's annual meeting.

Dunport, which recently announced a debenture issue and profits forecast, rallied 10p to 107p. Lagarto, with results today rose 7p to 395p. Connaught Estate Agents which earlier this week announced a rights issue with their results, rose 13p to 253p.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Gilts shine as indexes recover

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbott M V (180p)	220 +2
BPP (160p)	185
Brookmount (160p)	195
Charney Sea (65p)	75
Com 9% A 2000	237 1/2 +1/4
Craneswick M (95p)	160
Dalesia (125p)	160
Ferguson J (10p)	26 1/2
Gold Gem Trust (165p)	183 +2
Grays Surface (55p)	35 -3
Inoco (55p)	39 +1
JS Pathology (180p)	285
Jervis Porter (105p)	138 -3
Kearford (118p)	110
Lee Ind (180p)	174 -2
Lezard (115p)	174 -2
Macro 4 (105p)	145 -7
Marshall M (115p)	165 +6
Norwich Sec (85p)	114 -2
Realty Useful (330p)	111 -2
SAC Ind (100p)	135 -1
SPP (125p)	151 -1
Templeton (15p)	213 +2
Sigma (101p)	73
Snowdon S B (97p)	120 +1
Spice (80p)	95
Tech Com (130p)	200 +6
Underwoods (180p)	184 -2
Wellcome (120p)	203 +9
W York Hosp (90p)	75
Woods (160p)	166 -2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bensons Crisps N/P	12
Cullens F/P	25
Greycoat N/P	25 -2
Harwell N/P	25 -2
M&M Comp F/P	365 +25
Share Drug N/P	36 +1
Turner & Newall N/P	26 +1
Wates F/P	147

(Issue price in brackets).

COMPANY NEWS

● **IPECO HOLDINGS:** Barclays Merchant Bank will offer for sale 8.86 million ordinary 10p shares at 120p each on April 22. Ipeco supplies products and services to the avionics and defence industries. Turnover for 1985 was £2.63 million and pretax profit £2.96 million.

● **GUEST, KEEN & NETTLEFOLDS:** The chairman, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, says in his annual statement that he expects the group to continue to find "exciting new opportunities in world markets." The outlook continues to be generally satisfactory.

● **EIS GROUP:** Total dividend for 1985 6.75p (6p). Turnover £70.94 million (£47.37 million). Pretax profit £5.51 million (£4.2 million). Earnings per share 19.13p (15.53p).

● **HIGGS AND HILL:** Total dividend for 1985 raised to 13.6p (12.3p). Turnover £192.47 million (£189.65 million). Pretax profit £8.57 million (£7.18 million). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, 45.6p (42.6p). The board reports that the current year has started well.

● **APV HOLDINGS:** Total payment for 1985 11.75p (11.25p). Turnover £409.1 million (£412.3 million). Pretax profit £15 million (£7.5 million). Earnings per share 23.8p (7.7p).

● **ADWEST GROUP:** Half-year to Dec. 31, interim dividend 1.7p (1.6p). Turnover £39.12 million (£35.94 million). Pretax profit £3.14 million (£2.85 million). The board expects an improved profit for the full year.

● **FITCH AND CO DESIGN CONSULTANTS:** Total payment for 1985 raised to 6.1p (5.31p). Turnover £9.2 million (£6.92 million). Pretax profit £1.63 million (£1.33 million). Earnings per share 17.5p (11.9p).

● **CE HEALTH:** The company is issuing 596,379 ordinary shares,

worth £3.9 million, as part payment for the acquisition of Peterborough Data Processing Services.

● **JULIAN'S HOLDINGS:** Total gross dividend for 1985 raised from 2.85p to 3p. Turnover £8.51 million (£8.08 million). Profit, before tax and extraordinary items, £713,000 (£1.54 million). Earnings per share 2.53p (6.68p).

● **ALLIED PLANT GROUP:** Turnover for 1985 £11.35 million (£8.21 million). Pretax profit £325,000 (£207,000). Earnings per share 1.55p (0.94p).

● **MACRO 4:** Turnover for the half-year to Dec. 31, 1985, £3.12 million (£2.67 million). Pretax profit £1.73 million (£1.07 million). Earnings per share 4.9p (2.7p).

● **DINKIE HEEL:** A final dividend of 0.2p, making 0.4p (0.55p) for the year, is included in the results for 1985. The dividend is payable on July 1.

Turnover amounted to £1,999,078 (£2,014,803), profit before tax was £20,293 (£100,000), and extraordinary items amounted to £43,851 (nil). Earnings per share were 0.90p (1.18p). Export sales of steel toe caps have shown a marked improvement over the same period in 1985 and forward orders are running at a satisfactory level.

● **TELEPHONE RENTALS:** A final dividend of 4.5p, making 7p (6.25p) for the year, is included in the results for 1985. The board is confident this year will show an improvement in group profits.

● **ELBAR INDUSTRIAL:** No dividend is payable for 1985 (nil). With figures in £000, turnover was 43,224 (70,373), operating profit 824 (302), pre-

tax loss 181 (loss 971), tax credit 58 (14), making a loss of 123. Loss per share 1.7p (20.9p).

● **GABLE HOUSE PROPERTIES:** Results for the six months to December 31, 1985, include an interim dividend of 1.45p (1.25p). With figures in £000, turnover totalled 3,458 (£2,500), pretax profit 412 (316) and tax 134 (195).

● **CARLTON INDUSTRIES** (subsidiary of Hawker Siddeley): Sales for 1985 £135.23 million (£132.34 million). Pretax profit £13.84 million (£11.89 million).

● **MATTHEW HALL:** Total payment for 1985 4.5p (3.93p). Turnover £432.67 million (£382.76 million). Pretax profit £16.06 million (£14.24 million). Earnings per share 13.28p (10.22p on old capital).

More company news on page 25



Preliminary Announcement

Year ended 31st December 1985

Financial Highlights		
	1985	1984
	£m	£m
Turnover	1363.8	1174.9
Operating Profit		
United Kingdom	56.0	54.7
West Germany	12.1	15.5
Other countries	22.6	15.2
	90.7	85.4

Profit before taxation	79.7	81.3
Earnings per share	45.3p	45.1p

Dividend The Directors are to recommend a final dividend of 9.4p per share which, together with the interim of 4.6p, makes a total of 14.0p per share for the year (1984 13.0p).

The 1985 Annual Report will be posted to shareholders on 13th May 1986.

RMC Group p.l.c.

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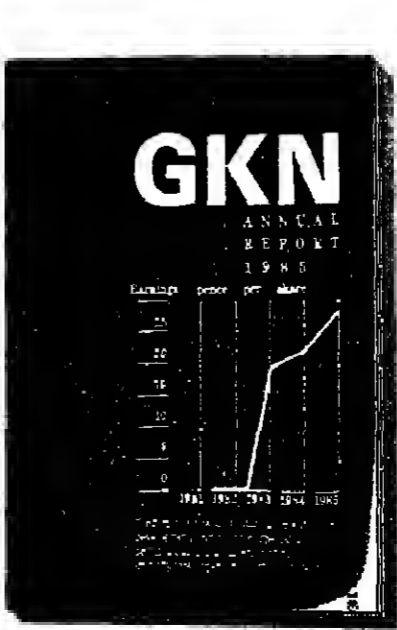
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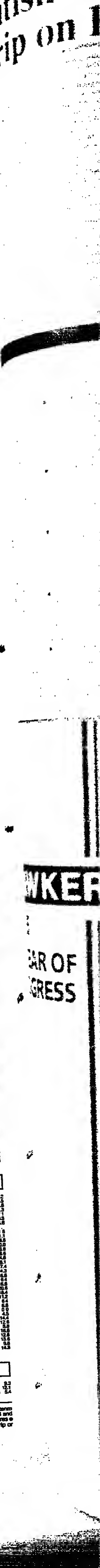
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Oil is flat



British Telecom to relax grip on PABX market

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

British Telecom's dominant position in the £450 million a year market for private telephone exchanges - PABXs - came under renewed attack from Ofel, the Government's telecommunications watchdog, yesterday.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of telecommunications, announced measures which he said he believed would provide a "welcome and significant movement in the direction of achieving even-handed competition" in the telecommunications equipment market.

British Telecom has agreed to implement new arrangements governing the provision of internal office wiring for use in business telecommunications systems.

He said there had been a number of long standing complaints about the way British Telecom used existing licence rules on wiring to promote its own sales of PABXs and

similar apparatus at the expense of competitors.

British Telecom has now agreed to changes which go a long way to ensuring that wiring becomes a neutral factor in decisions about whether to purchase a PABX from BT or a competitor.

The problems have arisen because although manufacturers of PABXs are now allowed to supply the equipment directly to customers in competition with British Telecom, BT continues to own most of the wiring that forms part of the business systems.

British Telecom has been using the present licensing rules to require a user who buys a PABX from a competitor to buy the wiring first. A user who buys the PABX from BT, on the other hand, can continue to rent the wiring.

BT's competitors have complained that this is a significant disincentive to buy from them.

They have also complained

that BT charges too much for purchase of the wiring compared with the rental cost, amounting to a possible breach of its obligations under condition 43.1(b) of its licence.

A number of competitors have in addition claimed that the present licence rules give British Telecom the opportunity to condemn existing wiring systems as unsuitable when a user buys from a competitor, making him liable to the substantial extra cost of rewiring the building. A user who buys from BT might on the other hand expect a more favourable judgement on the existing wiring system.

Under the arrangements announced by Professor Carsberg, British Telecom has agreed:

- To allow the user to choose whether to buy or rent the wiring after he has bought from a competitor.
- To apply uniform standards when upgrading of wiring systems is required regardless of whether the equipment is supplied by BT or a competitor.
- To charge for upgrading in a way that does not discriminate against users who buy from a competitor. In the past the purchaser of wiring has had to pay for the cost of upgrading whereas the renter has not.

Professor Carsberg has asked BT to prepare a schedule setting both rental and buying prices for wiring, and said he intended to check that they were fair.

He is also consulting BT about several other areas affecting wiring and maintenance.

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APPOINTMENTS

Smith & Nephew Associated Companies: Mr Alastair Macpherson has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Henderson Unit Trust Management: Mrs Anne Barronclough, Mr D J Blyfield, Mr J C Lane, Mr N R Legge and Mr D Payne have been made directors.

Professional Advisers Cost Engineering: Mr Andrew Gibson is now financial director and company secretary.

Allied Steel & Wire (Holdings): Mr George Duncan will shortly become chairman in succession to Mr Gordon Sambrooke.



Mr Ernie Gilburd
 Colorama Processing Laboratories: Mr Ernie Gilburd is now a joint managing director.

Touche Ross & Co: Mr Michael Berners-Price, Mr Lindsay Buchanan, Mr Ross Bull, Mr Tom Craddock-Watson, Mr Stephen Dickens, Miss Odile Griffith, Mr Nigel Llewellyn, Mr Leslie Platts, Mr Derek Ross and Mr Paul Sheppard are now partners. Mr John Reeve has been admitted to the Touche Ross Associates management consultancy partnership in London.

H P Information: Mr John Duffell has been appointed managing director in succession to Mr Gerard O'Donovan.

New-look figures tell old story for jobless

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Department of Employment yesterday published in one lengthy document, the information on the labour market that it normally gives out over a month.

The intention is to provide a complete picture of the market. Yesterday's figures show that the picture remains confused.

There is, firstly, the familiar combination of good news on employment alongside bad news on unemployment.

New estimates of employment show that the employed labour force increased by 276,000 last year, and that it has risen by 991,000 since the labour market trough of March 1983.

This, according to the Secretary of State for Employment, Lord Young of Grafham, is the good news on the growth of employment. He added that no other country in Europe had created as many additional jobs over the last few years as the United Kingdom.

The employed labour force stood at 24,006 million at the end of last year, its highest level since December 1980, rising by 117,000 in the fourth quarter alone.

The good news on employment is not unequivocal good news, however. Last year's rise of 276,000 was below the 391,000 increase in 1984.

The increase in employment is dominated by a rise in the number of part-time jobs. There has been a 547,000 rise in the number of female part-time jobs since March

1983, compared with a total increase in employees of 532,000. Self-employment has increased by 457,000.

There is, too, no sign of an end to the slide in manufacturing employment. After declining by 29,000 last year, manufacturing employment has fallen by 25,000 in the first two months of this year, with a 20,000 drop in February.

On unemployment, the optimism of last autumn has now evaporated, and Department of Employment statisticians believe that we are back on the old 10,000-15,000 rising monthly trend for the adult total.

The March figures are published on the new basis, under which the compilation of the figures is delayed by two weeks to reduce over-reporting. This cuts the total by an average of 50,000, but has no effect on the trend.

The department has revised earlier figures to be consistent with the new data.

This shows that the seasonally adjusted adult total for March, 3,198 million, is the highest on record, and was a rise of 36,800 from February - the biggest monthly increase since September 1981.

The bad February weather may have contributed to the strong rise - the official count was on March 6 - but there is no mistaking the upward trend in unemployment.

Over the six months to March, the adult total has risen by 12,400 a month, compared with a 5,000-a-month rise over the previous six months.

Inevitably, excessive wage increases are blamed for continually rising unemployment.

In fact, the earnings picture is remarkably stable. Average earnings in the economy rose by 7.5 per cent in the 12 months to February, the same, more or less, as for the past two years.

The actual increase of 8.1 per cent was inflated by comparison with the miners' strike a year earlier.

In manufacturing, the underlying rate has edged down slightly, from 9 per cent last summer, and 8.75 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year, to 8.5 per cent in January and February.

Unit labour costs for the whole economy rose at a slightly faster rate last year, 5.7 per cent, compared with 4.3 per cent in 1984.

Productivity too was stronger, rising by 2.1 per cent for the whole economy, against 1.4 per cent in 1984.

Indeed, for those who believe in the productivity theory of unemployment, the 33 per cent rise in manufacturing productivity since December 1980, and the 17 per cent increase in whole economy productivity, does provide some support.

There is no evidence though that industrial disputes are contributing to rising unemployment.

Days lost in February through industrial action totalled 192,000, about 17 per cent of the February average over the previous 10 years.

COMPANY NEWS

• **BOWTHORPE HOLDINGS:** The final dividend is 4.67p (5.41p), making 7p (5.48p) for the year, payable on July 1. With figures in £000, turnover was 125,948 (108,921), trading profit was 20,369 (15,554), operating profit 21,897 (17,483), profit before tax 23,238 (20,122) and tax 9,429 (8,424).

• **WALTER LAWRENCE:** The final dividend is 2.65p (2.42p adjusted), making 3.65p (3.42p adjusted). With figures in £000, turnover was 32,129 (114,145), profit for the year 3,311 (3,102), employee profit sharing scheme 160 (150), pre-tax profit 3,151 (2,952) and tax 464 (547), extraordinary debt 1,640 (495) and earnings per share 13.9p (12.9p).

• **PRESIDENT ENTERTAINMENTS:** For the year ended December 31 the dividend is 1.33p (0.1p), making 2p (0.1p). With figures in £000, turnover was 7,773 (5,826), profit before tax 1,404 (869), tax 464 (406), profit after tax 940 (463), extraordinary items nil (debt 31) earnings per share 6.42p (4.20p adjusted).

• **FSM INTERNATIONAL:** The final dividend is 3.3p, making 5.5p (3.15p) for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 15,273 (14,125), trading profit 2,237 (2,486), share of related company results 81 (68), profit before tax 2,318 (2,554), tax 710 (1,004) and earnings per share 13.1p (14.5p).

• **HYMAN:** For 1985 the final dividend is 0.75p, making 1.5p (same), payable on July 1. With figures in £000, external

turnover was 28,001 (27,430), operating profit 2385 (2009), share of profit of related companies 130.5 (120) and pre-tax profit 1,916 (1,624).

• **LONDON PARK HOTELS:** The final dividend for the year is 6.5p (4.23p), making 10p (7.58p). With figures in £000, turnover was 7,502 (5,037), operating costs were 5,635 (4,797), operating profit was 1,867 (240) and profit on sale of investments was 11 (34 loss).

• **PETROCON GROUP:** A final dividend of 4p making 6p (5.25p) has been declared for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was down to 12,625 (11,997) and pre-tax profit 1,221 (1,831). Earnings per share fell to 11.02p (20.18p).

• **STEEL BROTHERS HOLDINGS:** The company has announced a final dividend, payable on July 1, of 12p (12p) making 16p (16p) for 1985. Group profit before tax was down to £11.8 million (£14.9 million).

• **HOLLAS GROUP:** The company has exchanged contracts for the acquisition of Perilista for a consideration of £260,000 to be satisfied by the allotment of 1,942,857 new ordinary shares.

• **PETROGEN PETROLEUM:** Seaxe Energy Corporation of Jackson, Mississippi, and Petrogen Petroleum of Denver, Colorado, have signed an agreement in principle which could lead to Petrogen merging with a wholly-owned subsidiary of Seaxe.

• **BRIKAT GROUP:** Results for the six months to January 31 include an interim dividend of 1.7p (1.5p). With figures in £000, turnover was up to 5,870 (3,148) and operating profit to 593 (479). Earnings per share were unchanged at 5.7p.

• **PROTIMETER:** The company has received an offer for the issued ordinary share capital. Meanwhile, the company has requested a suspension of dealings.

• **ALLIED PROVINCIAL SECURITIES:** Westlake & Co and John S Smith & Co are holding talks which could result in their merger with Allied Provincial Securities.

• **SAMUELSON GROUP:** The company's US subsidiary, Samuelson Group Inc, has exchanged contracts for the purchase of Victor Duncan Inc for \$2.5 million (£1.69 million) cash.

• **PERSIMMON:** The chairman says that sales are buoyant in all areas of operation and the company remains ahead of its budget.

• **LEX SERVICE:** The company's automotive distribution businesses performed well in the first quarter, the annual meeting was held. Total sales for the quarter were 2 per cent higher than in the same period of 1985 and 10 per cent higher than in the fourth quarter of that year.

• **JACKSON EXPLORATION:** Oil and gas sales last year (figures in \$000) slipped to 3,724 (4,163).

• **WILLIAM SINDALL:** A final dividend of 9p (8p) making 12p (10p), payable on July 11, has been included in the results for 1985. Turnover rose to £28.0 million (£22.4 million) and pre-tax profit to £881,437 (£852,668). Earnings per share were up to 83.18p (80.98p).

• **NEWMAN INDUSTRIES:** The chairman says in his annual statement that the board is confident about the future and the 1985 results should be seen only as a temporary setback in recovery.

• **SMITH AND NEPHEW:** Mr Kenneth Kemp, the chairman, says in his annual statement that he expects the first-quarter earnings per share for the associated companies to show a continuing improvement.

• **IBSTOCK JOHNSEN:** Mr Paul Hyde-Thomson, the chairman, says in his annual statement that the company is confident of resuming progress in 1986.

• **LONDON AND ST LAWRENCE INVESTMENT CO:** Results for the six months to February 28 show gross revenue up to £237,448 (£211,634) and earnings per share after expenses and tax to 0.83p (0.74p). Asset value per ordinary share rose to 78.31p (66.35p).

• **WOLSELEY-HUGHES:** Acceptances have been received in respect of 98.42 per cent of the 23,611,135 new ordinary shares offered in the company's rights issue. New ordinary shares not taken up have been sold by the underwriters.

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1985
A YEAR OF PROGRESS

	1985	1984
Sales	£1592m	£1524m
Profit before tax	£160.3m	£143.0m
Profit after tax and minorities	£95.0m	£82.0m
Earnings per share	48.1p	41.5p
Dividend per share	14.5p	11.8p
Return on capital	18.3%	14.4%
Return on sales	9.4%	8.8%

- Profit before tax up by 12.1%
- Earnings per share up by 15.9%
- Dividends up by 22.9%
- Return on capital up to 18.3%

Analysis by business sector

	1985	1984
Electric motors & generators	20.3	16.8
Electrical distribution & controls	30.9	22.0
Electrical specialised equipment	26.7	18.0
Diesel engineering	16.1	30.1
Mechanical specialised equipment	46.3	37.6
Other trading activities	9.1	9.5
	149.4	134.0
Interest income (net)	10.9	9.0
	160.3	143.0

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	1985	1984
Turnover	£m 409	£m 412
Profit before tax	15.0	7.5
Profit after tax	7.7	2.5
Earnings per share	23.8p	7.7p
Ordinary dividends	11.75p	11.25p
Debt/equity	8%	22%

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Sir Ronald McIntosh KCB

Turnover in 1985 was approximately the same as in 1984 but profit before tax doubled from £7.5 million to £15.0 million. This reflects the success of the action taken since July 1984 to reduce costs and improve margins.

Trading Results
 Overseas subsidiaries contributed over 70 per cent of our trading profit, due mainly to greatly improved results in North America and the Asia Pacific region. The restructured business in North America is now better equipped to meet market requirements and another satisfactory year is expected in 1986. Continued growth can again be expected from the Pacific region.

In Europe profits also improved in 1985 and recent orders will help to ensure another good year. In the United Kingdom, with the exception of APV International, most subsidiaries had a satisfactory year.

achieve continuous improvement in our technology, through increased involvement in research and development. Organic growth based on improved products, processes and marketing will be supplemented, where appropriate and practicable, by acquisition. Our strong balance sheet will help in this.

Capital expenditure
 The capital budget for machine tools in 1986 is twice as high as in any of the past three years. The first phase of a planned re-equipment programme to update APV International's factory at Crawley will be undertaken this year. This reflects our intention to concentrate manufacture of most group products in two advanced facilities - one at Lake Mills, Wisconsin and the other at Crawley - and so to increase our ability to meet international competition, from whatever source.

Prospects
 Orders in hand were about 6 per cent higher at the end of 1985 than at the beginning. The trend of order intake in the last quarter of 1985 and the first quarter of 1986 has been rather flat, but there are indications of improving opportunities in several areas. There is also scope for further improvement in profitability as a result of the management action referred to earlier.

Rationalisation
 We made good progress in 1985 on our rationalisation programme. It is, however, a continuing one and the full benefit will not be achieved until 1987.

Financial disciplines within the group have been strengthened. This has resulted in better management of assets and a reduction in working capital.

The accounting policy for the valuation of certain stock and work in progress has been revised; the reduction arising from this revision has been charged as a prior year adjustment, with a consequential restatement of opening reserves and of the comparative figures for 1984.

Business development
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The above figures are extracted from the full historical cost accounts of the group for the year ended 31 December 1985 on which the auditors have issued an unqualified opinion. The full accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

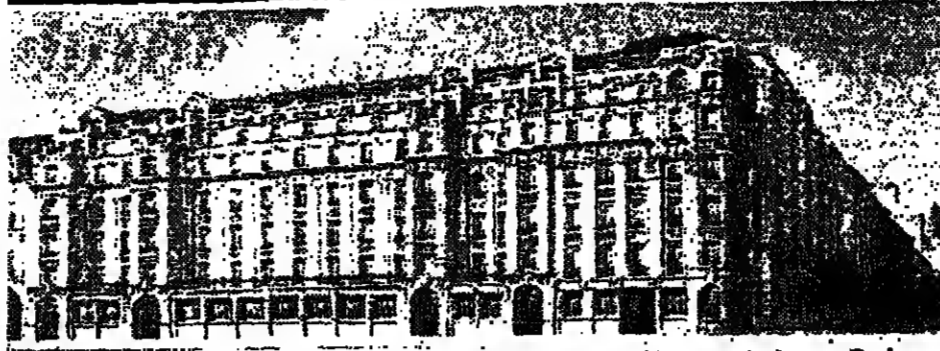
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Firms get set to repel big bang boarders

By Judith Huntley

Edward Erdman, a leading firm of commercial estate agents, may be poised to let outside interests take a stake. It is not alone in this. Most commercial practices are debating such a move and it is likely that the medium-sized firms will be the first either to go public or to be bought by an institution.

Second World War. It is an arrangement which is not allowed nowadays but the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the professional body for the surveyors, is to allow firms to become limited liability companies this year. Many feel it is the only way to inject capital into their practices but most are determined to hold on to their independence.



British Land on French soil: the refurbished offices at 56 Rue du Faubourg, Paris. The letting, one of the largest achieved in Paris for a renovation, follows on the success of London & Edinburgh Trust's Paris scheme. British Land's building was formerly occupied by the Ministry of the Interior and is now being extensively refurbished to provide 12,000 sq metres of space with 100 underground parking spaces. The tenant was introduced by Richard Ellis.

UKPI portfolio 'one of best'

Friends Provident Life Office, the new owner of United Kingdom Provident Institution, has dismissed as "completely unfounded" a suggestion that UKPI's poor performance was due to property as well as unquoted securities.

Mr Hardie said: "It is a clean portfolio with good office buildings in London and a shopping centre in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. It has little exposure to overseas property and is one of the best portfolios I have seen."

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Joint developer submits plans for Brooklands

Trafalgar Brooklands, the joint company between Trafalgar House Developments Holdings and Brooklands, the Northern Irish property company, has plans for a £100 million development at the Brooklands site in Weybridge, Surrey.

The Government's proposed introduction of a uniform rate in the pound across the country would mean the City of London Corporation would levy the same rate as the surrounding boroughs, a rise of 40 per cent. This would have an impact on the property market by encouraging the outward spread of the City and by reducing the rent differential between the Square Mile and adjoining areas where rents have been lower because of higher rates.

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Employers liable for negligence of overseas company

McDermid v Nash Dredging & Reclamation Co Ltd. Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Neill. Judgment given April 16.

That duty was often and conveniently divided into a number of categories so that attention came to be focused on, for example, the obligation to provide safe plant and materials.

The duty of employers to take reasonable care for the safety of their employees was broken when an employee was injured, even though different employers were vicariously liable, under English law, for the negligence occasioning the injury.

But there were cases where it was important to remember that the employer owed a single personal duty which could not be delegated.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Nash Dredging & Reclamation Co Ltd against Mr Justice Staughton (The Times July 31 1984) in an action for damages by the plaintiff, Mr Jamie McDermid.

Furthermore, it was a duty which was owed to each employee individually and accordingly account had to be taken of the experience and skill of the employee whose safety might be at risk.

Mr Walter Aylen, QC and Mr David Melville for Nash; Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC, Mr Roger Shawcross and Mr Mark Johnstone for Mr McDermid.

In the instant case the relevant fact of the general duty of the employer to take reasonable care for the safety of the young employee was the obligation to provide and maintain in operation a safe system of work. It was therefore necessary to look closely at the facts.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the appeal was against the judge's decision ordering Nash to pay to the plaintiff £43,893 as damages for personal injuries suffered by him in 1975 while he was in Nash's employment.

The general rule was that an employer was not liable for a tort committed by another person in the course of the performance of work for the employer unless the tortious act was committed by someone who was the servant of the employer or had been directly authorized by the employer.

In April 1975, the plaintiff, aged 18, entered Nash's employment as a deckhand. In June Nash offered him the opportunity of going to work on a dredging contract being carried out by Nash and their parent company based in Holland, Stevin Dredging BV.

The request of the employer and for his benefit was considered to be the independent function of the person who undertook it and to be carried out by that person as a principal (or the servant of a third party) and not as the representative of the employer.

The dredging operations were to be undertaken for the Swedish government in a fjord at Lulea in Sweden. The plaintiff accepted the offer. The dredger was moored offshore in the fjord and the crews working on the dredger went out to it by tug. One of the tugs in use was the Ina, which belonged to Stevin.

But the general rule was subject to exceptions which the common law was still in the process of developing. It was clear that if an employer delegated to another person, whether an employee or not, his personal duty to take reasonable precautions for the safety of his employees, then the employer was liable for injury caused through the negligence of that person because it was in the eyes of the law his own negligence.

The plaintiff had been told to work on the Ina with Captain Sas, who was employed by Stevin, and was doing so when he sustained the injuries which had given rise to the present proceedings.

In addition to cases where the employer had delegated his personal duty to exercise reasonable care so that he remained answerable for the negligence of the delegate, there would be cases where the employer would be under a duty to see for himself that his employees, while working under the control of a third party, were not subjected to an unsafe system of work: see per Lord Justice Devlin in Wingfield v Ellerman's Wilson Line Ltd. ([1960] 2 Lloyd's Rep 16, 22).

It had not been possible to provide a sure guide to the limits of vicarious liability in tort.

It seemed that in a case where a plaintiff was suing in respect of injuries received by him in the course of his employment and while working at a place at which he was required by his employer to work, the only satisfactory approach was to look at all the circumstances in the light of the fact that it was the basic duty of the employer to take reasonable care so to conduct his operations as not to subject those employed by him to unnecessary risk.

A writ was issued in 1977 on the plaintiff's behalf. Only Nash were named as defendants. No proceedings were brought against Captain Sas's employers, Stevin, because, inter alia, the difficulties of effecting service on a company registered in Holland in respect of a claim in tort arising in Swedish territorial waters.

The judge held the plaintiff's accident was wholly caused by the negligence of Captain Sas. There had been no appeal against that finding. The main question at issue was whether any liability attached to Nash.

The judge decided that issue in favour of the plaintiff. He said: "As between the plaintiff and the defendants, Captain Sas must be taken to have been the servant of the defendants".

The judge decided that the appropriate figure for special damages to the date of trial was £32,000 plus interest. On damages for future loss he did not assess any figure because he took the view that the damages under that head together with the damages for pain and suffering would, after taking account of the special damages, greatly exceed the statutory limit of £43,893.

In order to examine the issue of Nash's liability the court could not confine its attention to the question whether the judge was right to conclude that the captain had to be deemed to have become the servant of Nash.

He had held that Nash were entitled to limit their liability under section 503 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, as amended by section 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) Act 1958. That was wrong. On damages for pain and suffering he did not express any view.

It was also necessary to consider the primary obligations owed by Nash to the plaintiff and also the extent to which an employer might in certain circumstances be liable to an employee for the negligence of a third party who was not his servant.

To those circumstances the case would have to be sent back to the judge so that he could assess the appropriate sums by way of damages for future loss and for pain and suffering and loss of amenity. Solicitors: Mackerell & Co, Woodford & Ackroyd, Southampton.

In the light of all the relevant facts it seemed clear that, if one applied the principles of English law, Stevin would have been regarded as the employer of Captain Sas and vicariously responsible for him had a claim been made by some third party who might have been injured by a negligent act of the captain during the operation of the tug.

But that conclusion was not the end of the matter for the purpose of considering the liability of Nash towards the plaintiff.

The duty of an employer was to take reasonable care for the safety of his employees, whether the employer was an individual or a company and whether or not the employer took any part in the conduct of the relevant operations.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

April 17, 1986

Let's stop fudging the issue. We have become expert at avoiding the main point — namely that for a free democracy economically founded on capitalism we are doing badly. We are not creating enough jobs. We are not exporting enough. Our educational system is flawed, above all we are not creating enough wealth. Part at any rate of the reason for this is attitude. We stubbornly resist using results as the key arbiter of performance and the focus of our activities, whether in education or in business.

Just visit Houston, as one of my team did recently, and feel the difference — clinching the sale, completing the deal, developing the business and growing the wealth-dominated thinking. So washing machines are sold with the plug and the store installs them for you. So companies, individuals and state co-fund education geared to improving career prospects. So customer service is a virtue and many people have two jobs to get ahead faster.

At the centre of all this, and relevant to a businessman writing on these pages, is the determination to reward people flexibly by their performance — not covertly,

not apologetically, but genuinely and with confidence. In my job I have seen how vital people are, and key managers most of all. We must make sure they are motivated, rewarded and retained in a way that thrills them and reinforces the operating realities of the business. Part of this is sharing the risk of failure and that means building their financial packages carefully.

You need to understand the company, and the individual, you need full taxation expertise as well as that of communications, personnel and recruitment. The ultimate challenge, what is now in all senses "the bottom line" is the satisfaction on all sides of competing successfully and growing wealth rapidly. Then we can turn to treating our social problems, then we can help improve our inner cities — indeed the very process of growth will have helped this happen.

Flexibility and a link between pay and performance are not the exclusive province of management. The Chancellor's 1986 Budget blamed the rise of pay rates and consequent uncompetitive unit/labour costs on the inherent rigidity of our pay system. Mr Lawson's hope is that, given some

Future success in business and education is about rewarding people — not fudging the issues, says James Cooke



form of tax incentive, wage costs can be controlled by a relationship between company performance and pay instead of one between performance and manning levels.

Consequently, job losses will cease to be the first recourse when profit margins are squeezed. The bonus systems current in Britain tend to be just that — bonuses. They reward extra effort on top of normal pay for the job — there is rarely, if ever, any question of the level of "normal pay" being reduced.

The Chancellor's idea in effect amounted to more than a recommendation for flexibility in pay. It amounted to a call for a change in attitudes between the employer and the employee — for a new partnership in industry. And this lead is welcome, and necessary.

Japanese companies, whose schemes are related, although in peculiarly Japanese ways to company performance, pay at least four and five months' incremental salary (or about 33-40 per cent

bonus) in two roughly equal bonuses in June and December. The annual bonus has, occasionally, amounted to 50 per cent of salary. Sums that large would make anyone sit up and take notice — and variability on that scale would provide enormous room for manoeuvre.

Robert J. Ballow of the Institute of Comparative Culture reports seven occasions in 1974 (during the time of the oil shock) when companies paid the bonus but "invited" employees to lend a large proportion back to the company! It is reported that none refused! That is real partnership, and that is the competition we and the Chancellor are facing.

What of the reality, what of the British disease of fudging — just look at the advertisements on this and adjacent pages. If they are like those of the past few weeks with few exceptions they offer "competitive salaries" (keeping up with the Joneses), "salaries depending upon experience and qualifications" (no reference to performance), a pleasant working environment, exciting challenges, attractive benefits, etc.

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And yet how does this square with the widely quoted belief that British industry is moving swiftly to rewarding its executive strictly according to performance or the Chancellor's budget call for flexible results oriented compensation?

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The potential competitive benefits to the company that is

prepared to care and show it cares are immense, and inevitably expertise and up-to-date expertise at that, is needed.

And a final word about communications. The whole point of the partnership between the company and its employees is to enhance motivation and commitment and that means a special need for improved communications. Time is not wasted involving people, explaining to them the benefits and the opportunities available to them. How few employees are made to feel fully involved, directly cared for or wholeheartedly valued simply because no one has told them properly?

Of course it can be complex, of course the company's own needs must be met and of course managers may need some help — but get it, use it and take advantage of it. A great measure of the secret to success in the future will be clear and distinctive financial rewards for the top performers — the companies that stop fudging the issue will win.

The author is chief executive of Binder Hamlyn Management Consultants

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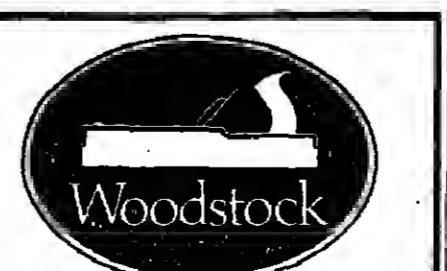
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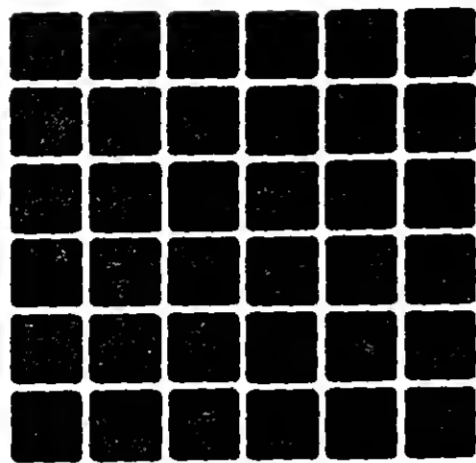
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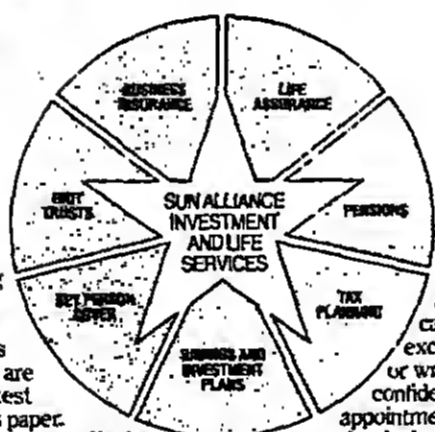
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HORIZONS

A guide to career development

A firm step in the right direction

A little while ago an elderly gentleman told me that the most wretched day he had spent in his life was the day he first started work.

Few are fully prepared for the transition between school and work. Brian Turk looks at schemes designed to make this move easier

He was in fact talking about the 1920s. In those days it was common practice for working class pupils at 14 to leave the relatively protected nine to four environment of a school one day, and start the seven in the morning to seven in the evening adult world the next.

There were no careers officers to give counselling or advice and probably no one to provide a modicum of information about opportunities available. — limited though they may have been.

Thankfully today, society displays a little more concern and thought for all levels of young school leavers. The majority of schools at secondary level have at least one staff member responsible for advice on careers.

Job opportunities are now presented in a serious way

stimulate enthusiasm. And hopefully, to clarify the way towards a prospective career.

However, no amount of talking, showing or explaining can be a substitute for actual experience. A pupil may well imagine that he or she would like a particular job, but the experience may prove that the image in the pupil's mind may not hold up when confronted with the real thing.

A fairly new concept in the process of easing pupils from school into college or work are the composite courses which incorporate experience of all three, prior to the pupil finally leaving the security of the school situation.

In Fulham, London, five schools have joined together at sixth form level to create the 'Fulham Schools Sixth Form Consortium'. Within part of the consortium, pupils (or students as they perhaps ought to be called at this level) follow an umbrella course instigated by the Business and Technical Education Council — their particular examination course being known as the BTEC General Award.

Following this course students have (per week) three days at two of the Consortium schools — Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green and Fulham Cross School, Munster Road — one day at Hammersmith and West London College and one day out on work experience. The course is designed for students who are motivated towards the commercial world, but who have under-achieved in the years below the sixth form level (for whatever reasons), and are not yet quite ready, able, willing or experienced enough to make a worthwhile contribution to the world of work.

BTEC courses are vocationally oriented and are designed to give students confidence. They are also designed to show the workings of offices and office administration. Through this and the year's work experience, the aim is to ease the student in the transition from school-college environment into the world of work.

Work experience for the students on the BTEC Consortium course takes place on one day per week and lasts for the complete academic year. Arrangements for the placement of students has to be made at the very beginning of the academic year. Firms are approached as to whether they are prepared to accept a student for one day per week for one year.

The Consortium indemnifies the firm and provides staff to visit the students on a regular rotational basis. The visits are to ensure the student is working well and is happy with the firm. And conversely, that the firm is satisfied with the work and the conduct of the student. It is usual for the firm to provide one person to supervise the student, who will ensure a continuum of work and training be maintained. The student's labours for the one day per week is given entirely free — the firms pay nothing for services rendered.

In the years I have arranged and visited BTEC students on work experience, I have found that a very friendly relationship develops between the supervisor in the firm and the work experience student. I have always found firms to be kind, considerate and helpful and that supervisors will spend much of their own valuable time explaining office procedures and the position of the student within the organization.

The experience and the nature of the work on offer varies considerably with the size and the nature of the organization concerned. As the Consortium is Fulham based, the firms used are in a

geographical area from Hammersmith in the north to Putney in the south.

Large organizations such as George Wimpey, Honeywell, Sir William Halcrow and North Thames Gas, can provide extensive open plan office situations with experience in filing, typing, photostating, answering the telephone and often 'hands on' experience of the use of the organization's computer network or word processors. Smaller organizations such as Ellis Cope, Anley Melville or Market Travel provide excellent basic office training, with the added bonus of office reception and direct exposure to the general public.

More complex organizations like the Training and Development Centre of Hammersmith Town Hall and its computer offshoot at Vencourt House, can offer a range of activities. Students may be given the opportunity to be with more than one department during the year, so gaining varied experience but retaining the continuity of the one organization.

In this day and age when unemployment is running at over 3.3-million, young people of all abilities are hard pushed to find a suitable job. Advertisements for even the most menial jobs often require experience and any job with good salary and prospects produces the inevitable flood of applications.

Without help, the under-achieving Sixth Former is at an immediate disadvantage in this initial race. The BTEC course with its varied approach is designed to give as much help as possible in these early stages. Tuition in how to write coherent to-the-point letters, fill in application forms, construct sensible CV's and practice on the correct conduct at interviews, are all woven into the

Experience can be gained before leaving school

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BTEC courses are by no means perfect. They have been in the development stages themselves since their introduction in 1979. They do, however, show a certain insight into the needs of a proportion of the student population in that seemingly forgotten area of the non-academic sixth form.

Work is after all a major part of most people's lives. Surely it is not too much to ask of society that any person, at any level, should have a job and be in the right job and enjoying it. Not be the proverbial square peg in a round hole.

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Night Cap can give Leng a good day

By Jenny MacArthur

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Champion defends in Seoul

By Conrad Voss Bark

Seoul (AP) - The defending champion Chen Tze-Chung of Taiwan and 165 other golfers from 13 countries will tee off today in the \$130,000 Korea Open championship...

The Thames is going to put its trust in salmon

By Conrad Voss Bark

A Thames Salmon Trust is to be formed to continue stocking the Thames, following the closure of the Thames Water Authority...

Czechs saved

Moscow (UPI) - Peter Rosol saved the world champion Czechoslovakia from another debacle at the world ice hockey championships...

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Edinburgh target for Gratton

By Conrad Voss Bark

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Dancing Brave to pass classic examination

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Dancing Brave, the ante-post favourite for this year's 2,000 Guineas since Tate Gallery's humiliating defeat at the Curragh last Saturday, is to put his own reputation to the test at Newmarket today in the Charles Hedges Champagne Craven Stakes.

Those who have plumped on Khaled Abdulla's unbeaten colt will be hoping to see a reassuring performance in the race which pointed to Shaded winning the 2,000 Guineas 12 months ago. Now the world from Pulborough, where Dancing Brave is trained by Guy Harwood, is that he has done everything asked of him at home and that they will be very surprised if he is beaten.

Last year Dancing Brave was restricted to just two races in the autumn both of which he won with the minimum of fuss. In the second, run over today's course and distance, incidentally, he had Jazetas four lengths behind at the finish. This spring Jazetas has paid his conqueror a compliment by winning both his races, but it is still hard to envisage him getting his revenge on Dancing Brave.

With Eve's Error, Faraway Dancer, Illumineux, Starwood and Silvino also all standing on their ground, today's race will tell us a lot more about Dancing Brave, while Faraway Dancer and Illumineux are also unbeaten. My information is that Starwood and Silvino are likely to form the nucleus of his opposition.

Last autumn Silvino finished third in the Royal Lodge Stakes and second in the Middle Park stakes, while Starwood crowned a good season by winning a nursery at Newbury with 9st 9lb on his back. But I am hopeful Dancing Brave will pass his test.

Earlier in the day the Gerry Feilden Stakes promises to be every bit as enlightening but with the slant this time on the

Derby. Twelve months ago you would have needed a crystal ball to envisage Slip Anchor winning at Epsom after watching him finish only third behind Les Arts and Esquire in this race, but that is racing for you. This time his trainer Henry Cecil is hopeful of a more positive display from Winds of Light, who won his only race last season very easily indeed. But again his task is far from simple.

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FOOTBALL: HAMSTRING INJURY THREATENS TO KEEP LEAGUE'S TOP SCORER OUT OF ACTION

England could lose Lineker for World Cup warm-up

Gary Lineker is ready to settle himself out of Everton's League championship challenge until he is fully recovered from hamstring trouble. The England forward suffered a recurrence of the injury in the 2-0 win at Watford on Tuesday night which lifted Everton three points clear of Liverpool at the top.



One for the road: Lineker scores with his last kick before leaving the Vicarage Road pitch injured on Tuesday night

European summit's wide field

Zurich (Reuters) - A weighty agenda awaits delegates to the European Football Union's (UEFA) congress in Cascais, Portugal, on April 24. Apart from the election of a new president, Jacques Georges, of France, who is unopposed, and the filling of some vacancies on the executive committee, several motions have been tabled.

Smith to help the Rangers' revival

Rangers yesterday took the second step in their ambitious and expensive attempt to make the club the greatest in Scotland again by tempting to Ibrox Park the coach who is regarded as the best in the country.

Italians in new scandal

Turin (AP) - Ten people have been arrested and three general managers of Italian football league clubs are being investigated in connection with illegal gambling.

Paris suffer setback

Paris (Reuters) - Paris Saint-Germain received a setback to their ambitions of winning both the French league and Cup when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Bordeaux in the first leg of the Cup semi-finals.

Steaua have stars in their eyes

Bucharest (AP) - Steaua of Bucharest yesterday became the first side from Romania to reach the final of the European Cup when they defeated Anderlecht, of Belgium, in their semi-final second-leg match here.

Cattlin stays

The Brighton manager Chris Cattlin, who said he considered resigning after the disappointment of missing promotion for the second successive season, says he will now stay at the second division club.

Paris suffer setback

Vermeulen and Rocheteau wasted. Bordeaux, missing their injured internationals Giresse and Lacombe, posed little threat until 10 minutes before the interval when Reinders equalized after a defensive blunder by Jeannot.

Cinderellas of Thrum Hall reach out for glass slipper

Bookmakers at the start of the season were offering odds of up to 200-1 against Halifax winning the championship. Now, as Halifax face their last match at home to Featherstone on Sunday, the books are closed.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Watford 0, Everton 2; West Ham 1, Chelsea 2; Blackburn 0, Middlesbrough 1; Charlton 3, Millwall 3.

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Table showing lottery results for Littlewoods Pools, including prize amounts and winning numbers.

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Table showing lottery results for Zettlers Pools, including prize amounts and winning numbers.

TENNIS

McEnroe seeks wild card option for Paris

New York (Reuters) - John McEnroe has inquired about wild card carries into the French Open championship and the Tournament of Champions.

Newcomer beats seed in two-hour struggle

Amelia Island, Florida (Agencies) - Mary Joe Fernandez, aged 14, the Miami professional upset the ninth seed, Stephanie Rehe, from California, in a second round match at the Sunbelt Women's Tennis Association championships on Tuesday.

BOXING

Cowdell covets a crown despite title defeat

When Pat Cowdell had his last British title bout, John Doherty, the skilful Yorkshireman, was still two years away from making his professional debut.



Doherty: a parist

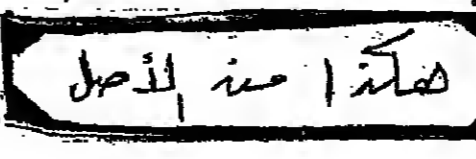
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The carnival is nearly over

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, St John's, Antigua

There being no realistic chance of his scoring the 411 needed to win the fifth Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, here yesterday, England set about saving it. But soon after lunch, when Gooch went for 51 and the score became 101 for four, they were in danger of yet another defeat.

It was the second day running that Ellison, after being not out overnight, had played a useful part with the bat. In England's first innings he added 52 with Gower. Now, having gone in as nightwatchman, he lasted until 10 minutes before lunch, putting on 70 with Gooch and being removed only by a shooter.

Having worked out how best to use his height and the length and line when balls can be safely left alone, he has come quite to enjoy the chal-

lenge of survival. Nor, of course, as a bowler is he under the same pressure when he bats as the batting specialists. England's ambitions did not extend beyond a draw. They may have been encouraged in this by the views of Peter May, who said when he was in Barbados last month that the rot had to stop, which meant the run of defeats must be ended.

After Richards' *tour de force* on Tuesday, followed by the almost immediate loss of Slack and Robinson, England can have had little confidence yesterday for a long rearguard action. But with Gooch, as well as Ellison, in stubborn mood and no steep hill in the pitch for the fast bowlers, West Indies lacked the encouragement and impetus of an early wicket.

When Harper bowled his off

could feel a sense of respite, well deserved after a torrid opening hour against Holding and Patterson. There was the smallest crowd of the four days, but the carnival atmosphere which is such a jolly feature of cricket in Antigua was still abroad.

In the second over of the afternoon Marshall put down Gower, a straightforward return catch, when Gower was two. Marshall could scarcely believe it. But in the over after that Gooch, having just reached his 50, was leg-before to Holding on playing back. Unlike his first innings dismissal, this one looked out and again the ball kept low. If a lunch score of 87 for three was one England would have settled for at the start of play, they were now obviously in trouble.

Next to go was Lamb, scuttled by another low ball. With only 60 runs in his last six Test innings, he has gone the way of most of the other batsmen. That Gower was still there when the afternoon drinks came out was largely a matter of luck. Besides being dropped by Marshall he had been beaten any number of times and given the benefit of the doubt in a leg-before appeal which produced a tantrum from Marshall.

Richards stands well ahead of the rest

Vivian Richards' superlative innings of 110 not out on Tuesday sets him well clear of the field as scorer of the fastest Test match hundred of all time in terms of balls received. However, as the accompanying tables illustrate, he stands only fifth in terms of time (Marcus Williams writes).

It is because of the decline in Test match and other first-class over-rates — in 1930 England bowled 22 overs an hour against Australia, whereas the average for the current series in West Indies is 12 over an hour and in county cricket around 18 — that the measurement of a batsman's innings in balls rather than minutes has been adopted as the fairer system. The problem is, though, that only in the last decade or so have scorers consistently kept records of the number of balls faced; figures for earlier innings have therefore been worked out retrospectively — and then only where access to the original scorebooks has been possible.

The fastest hundreds in all first-class cricket for each category were scored by Percy Fender (Surrey v Northamptonshire, 1920) and Steven O'Shaughnessy (Lancashire v Leicestershire, 1983, against occasional bowlers) in 35 minutes and by David Hookes (South Australia v Victoria, 1982-83) off 34 balls.

The full sequence of Richards' innings, 110 runs from 58 balls, was as follows:

Over	Runs	Wickets
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	6	1
4	1	0
5	4	1
6	1	0
7	1	0
8	1	0
9	1	0
10	1	0
11	1	0
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54	1	0
55	1	0
56	1	0
57	1	0
58	1	0

Player	Country	Year	Runs	Balls
56	I V A Richards	W Indies v England	1985-86	110
57	J M Gregory	Australia v S Africa	1921-22	100
58	R C Fredericks	W Indies v Australia	1975-76	100
59	J M Gregory	Australia v S Africa	1921-22	100
60	G L Jessop	England v Australia	1901	100
61	H Renaud	Australia v W Indies	1954-55	100
62	H Sinclair	S Africa v Australia	1902-03	100
63	I V A Richards	W Indies v England	1985-86	100

TENNIS

Relief of the marathon

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Colin Hess, referee of the British Home Stores tournament, was in no mood to enjoy his afternoon tea at the Cumberland Club, Hampstead, yesterday. The natural sprinkling system that makes England such a green and beautiful land had restricted play to a total of seven games on five courts — plus six matches shifted across London to indoor courts at Queen's Club. There was play



Business (bis' nés) [A.-S. bisigness (BUSY, -NESS)], n. serious occupation, work; professional affairs; buying and selling; man of business; one engaged in mercantile transactions; one skilled in business; business-like, a. Suitable for or befitting business; business suit, n. [Am.] A lounge suit.

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Balwarks of the world: Underwood is baulked by Farr-Jones (left) and Estève

South wins centenary battle

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

British Lions 15, Overseas Unions 7

The southern hemisphere, essentially the basis of the Overseas Unions side, added to their dominance of the north by beating the British Lions in Cardiff yesterday by two goals and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty in the first of the International Rugby Football Board centenary matches, sponsored by Save & Prosper. It took them until the final minutes to do so, however, a try by Simon Poidevin effectively settling the match.

Both squads were presented to the presidents of the four Home Unions and those (or their representatives) of the Overseas Unions before the game began. Earlier in the day the overseas team had been forced to make a change when a muscle injury to Lovridge, the New Zealand scrum half, failed to respond to treatment and his place was taken by Farr-Jones, bringing Australia's representation to seven.

The skies were darkening over an Arms Park that looked little over half-full and heavy rain greeted Hastings' kick-off. The enthusiasm of the Lions for their task was made evident by Whitefoot's early

and illegal charge and the fearsome packing-down of their scrum. Significantly, however, it was the overseas team which put together the first dangerous handling move, Farr-Jones escaping down the right before Devereux, sliding in like a footballer, booted a loose ball 60 metres in the opposite direction. Ringland forced a scrum but Rutherford completely misjudged his drop goal attempt.

Blanco prompted an instant response and Llyngh was not far from the first try when he charged down Rutherford's clearance, only for the ball to squirt over the deadball line. The score was not long delayed: Jones was forced to carry over Blanco's teasing kick ahead and from the five-metre scrum Farr-Jones was held, then allowed to squirm clear for a try converted by Llyngh.

The Lions had an opportunity to draw level when Jones broke clear after Deans had healed against the head. The young scrum half galloped into the overseas 22 but Devereux, with Underwood clear outside him, spilled the pass.

An absence of unity at half back hindered the Lions' efforts and they lost Dooley with a leg injury after a half-hour of play. He was replaced by Paxton, a 1983 Lion, at the

same time as Hastings, after an earlier effort had hit an upright, halved the deficit with a 36-metre penalty after being the recipient of a dangerously tight tackle.

Local elation increased when Ringland established the maul from which the front row stole — if that is the right word for such solid gentlemen — away, linked with Jones and Underwood, and Paxton made the running for Beattie to crash over in the corner. The joy was tempered by the loss of a second Lions' player, Rutherford receiving some heavy treatment in a maul and leaving in a daze to be replaced by Dacey just before half-time.

Despite Dooley's absence the Lions had established a significant advantage at the lineout, although their scrum was under heavy pressure and the heel sluggish. Farr-Jones showed all the acumen we came to expect of him on tour last season and the lead returned to the overseas team when Llyngh punished a line-out offence and was narrowly wide with a longer effort shortly after.

The difference between the short spacing of the overseas midfield players and the conventional spacing of the Home backs was most noticeable, but Slack's players were limited by lack of possession.

Ringland and Devereux, supported by Hastings, showed the potency of the Lions' backs with a 50-metre break which deserved but did not get a score.

There were only six minutes left of proper time when Estève was at last set free on the left. Blanco supported his countryman and Poidevin, as involved for his team as Jeffrey was for the Lions, took the final pass.

SCORERS: British Lions Try: Beattie. Penalties: Hastings, Overseas Goals: Jones. Conversions: Llyngh (2). Penalties: Llyngh. **BRITISH LIONS:** A G Hastings (London Scottish and Scotland); T M Ringland (Ballymena and Ireland); B J Mullin (Dublin University); J A Devereux (South Glamorgan Institute and Wales); I Underwood (Leicester and England); J V Rutherford (Solihull and Scotland); M W Dacey (Swansea and Wales); R M Jones (Swansea and Wales); J Whitefoot (Cardiff and Wales); G T Deane (Hawick and Scotland); C P D. G. Fitzgerald (Lansdowne and Ireland); J Jeffrey (Kilsoy and Scotland); D G Lushin (Cork Constitution and Ireland); W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers and England); I A M Pashan (Solihull and Scotland); M J J Carr (Ards and Ireland); J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals and Scotland). **OVERSEAS UNIONS:** J Blanco (France); P Estève (FR); A G Slack (Aus. capt.); M P Llyngh (Aus.); J J Kewen (NZ); W R Smith (NZ); J J Farr-Jones (Aus.); E E Rodriguez (Aus.); T A Lambert (Ireland); G A Knight (NZ); M W Shaw (NZ); S A G Culler (Aus.); S W P Burger (SA); S P Poidevin (Aus.); M G Mearns (NZ). Referee: R C Francis (NZ).

Blazey holds his fire on 'rebel' tour

By Paul Martin

Ces Blazey, the New Zealand Rugby Union president, is stubbornly resisting pressure from his country's provincial unions to act swiftly and firmly against players preparing for a "rebel" tour to South Africa.

Ten of the 11 provincial unions have sent him a telegram demanding an emergency meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union Council, at which punishment for the players would be decided on and communicated to the "rebels".

The telegram read: "In view of the extreme reaction of the New Zealand public and the immediate and long-term effects on the game in New Zealand, the council should determine what action should be taken against players and a decision should be communicated immediately to them, preferably in a face-to-face meeting."

The unions asked that this be done before the "rebels" played any matches in South Africa "so that they will be

fully aware of the consequences should they decide to go ahead with the tour".

Although 13 of the 18 council members were in Cardiff yesterday watching the first of two celebration matches marking the International Rugby Football Board's centenary — and this constituted more a quorum — Mr Blazey said that they would have only "an informal chat".

Arriving at the National Stadium, Cardiff, he said he had not yet seen the telegram. Dr Danie Craven, the South African rugby chief, who was also at the stadium, refused to comment.

Despite the furore back home, the New Zealand rugby councilors here seemed keen to dampen any demand for precipitate action. Displaying a meticulous regard for formalities, Mr Blazey said a meeting of his council was not necessary nor was it precipitable.

The players had not played a match; and the council members in Britain were

"very much tied up" with a hectic schedule, though he conceded that a quorum was available. The meeting was not necessary, he told me, since he had already taken "appropriate action" by telling Dr Craven that such a tour was "totally unacceptable".

All requests for players to tour abroad had to be made officially through the union, he told Dr Craven and not privately. "As I've had no direct response from him I shall now do it again in writing," Mr Blazey said. He expressed confidence that his fellow council members would support his action.

He was contemptuous of the South African argument that the tour was not the South African Rugby Union Board's responsibility since one of their provincial unions had organized it. The players and organizers had taken legal advice before leaving New Zealand.

Fearful of the possible impact of the row on African participation in the Common-

wealth Games in Edinburgh, the New Zealand Commonwealth Games Association and David Lange, the country's Prime Minister, have strongly condemned the tour and accused the South Africans of deception and subterfuge.

Most, if not all, of the New Zealanders in Cardiff are said to be planning to join the "rebel" tour. Andy Dalton is reported to be the captain. Mr Blazey said the players were here to play rugby and should not be disturbed.

While most of New Zealand's rugby establishment have until now favoured continued ties with South Africa, their objections arise mainly from the way the tour was organized.

"It wouldn't matter if the tour was to Alaska," one council member, J.J. Stewart, said. "It's the way they went behind our backs that we object to." To which a player retorted: "If we had applied officially they would have said no."

Fenwick's big fear

Terry Fenwick, the Queen's Park Rangers captain, fears that the Football Association have already decided to deny him a last chance to stake a claim in England's World Cup squad. Fenwick faces a disciplinary commission today, two days before he is due to lead QPR in the Milk Cup final.

If he is suspended, he will not be considered for England's match against Scotland next week.

Fenwick said yesterday: "I thought the idea of a commission was to sort things out on the day; it appears they have prejudged the issue."

Dunnett's plea

Jack Dunnett, the Football League president, has appealed for first division club chairmen to attend the extraordinary meeting on April 28. He fears there will be empty seats when clubs vote on a restructuring, as Philip Carter, the Everton chairman, has been authorized to vote on behalf of 19 clubs.

Bold Eagles

Sheffield Eagles will break new Rugby League ground on Sunday when they start their home game against at 6.30pm rather than 5.30, an experiment aimed at attracting a family audience.

Sports course

British Tissues are backing a £110,000 scheme which offers 250 youngsters the chance of an all-expenses paid coaching weekend. The scheme features courses in football, swimming, tennis, cricket and gymnastics.

England win

England's Junior Squash Club yesterday overturned the seedings of the junior world team championships in Perth, Australia, beating the top seeded home team to win their pool play-off for first entry to Saturday's semi-finals (Colin McQuillan writes).

Extra support

The organizing board of the 60th World Cup hockey tournament, at Wilsden Stadium, north London, from October 4 to 19, have received £75,000 from the Japanese computer company, NEC, following earlier sponsorship from Puma.

Soutter an unknown quantity to Cardwell

Vicki Cardwell, in search of her fifth title in the HI-Tec British open squash championships, today faces an unfamiliar but daunting obstacle in the shape of Lucy Soutter, England's teenage national champion.

The 29-year-old Australian, who retired two years ago to start a family, has returned to the sport's top flight and in yesterday's second round at Dunning's Mill, East Grinstead, took just 20 minutes (conceding one point) to overwhelm her compatriot, Michele Toon.

Not to be outdone, Miss Soutter, aged 19, gave away one more point than that to Jill Benfield, of Kent, but was off court within 19 minutes. The British girl has risen so speedily from the junior ranks to challenge the best in the world that she has never shared a court with the tough Australian, who dominated the women's game until her early retirement. She claims respect, but no fear for the former world champion.

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Among the top women players, however, there is genuine alarm at the return of Mrs Cardwell, winner of four successive British Open titles up to 1983. Even the world champion, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, seeks her third successive title here knowing the Australian easily defeated her the last time they met — in the 1983 world championship.

Philip Kenyon, the British men's champion, crushed Simon Taylor, of Leicester, 9-2, 9-1, 9-3 in 35 minutes.

Men: Second round: J Khan (Pak) bt C Whitton, 9-1, 9-0, 9-2; J U. Soutter (Aus) bt D Pearson, 9-2, 9-1; B. Clayton (S. Trin.) 9-2, 9-1; S. Davenport (NZ) bt U. Hayat Khan (Pak), 9-7, 9-1, 9-2; H. Joffe (I. Kan.) 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; G. Pollard (Aus) bt B. Almsom (Swe), 9-3, 3-9, 9-2, 10-8; M. Soden (Ire) bt C. Jones, 6-8, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1.

Women: Second round: D. Gurney (NZ) bt A. Cowie, 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; S. T. Smith (Aus) bt S. Bradley (Ire), 9-7, 4-9, 9-1, 9-4; L. Irving (Aus) bt F. Gattuso, 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; V. Cardwell (Aus) bt M. Karam (Ire), 9-2, 9-0; L. Soutter (Ire) bt S. Bradley (Ire), 9-4, 9-2, 9-0; A. Cumings (Ire) bt M. Burke (Ire), 9-0, 9-4, 9-1; L. O'Neil (Ire) bt D. Caldwell (SA), 9-1, 9-1, 9-1; M. Karam (Ire) bt S. Bradley (Aus), 9-7, 4-9, 9-1, 9-1.

Crusader passes the early tests

After spending five long sailing Crusader against South Australia yesterday — a British opportunity the British America's Cup challengee have had to tune up against any opposition — Harold Crossley, Crusader's ebullient skipper, was brimming with confidence. "She seems to be fast right out of the box. We appear to have a decided edge upwind in the 8 to 14 knot winds today, and have about the same speed downwind," he exulted when the British yacht had returned to its dock at Fremantle. The two crews intend to continue tuning up against each other and plan to hold a short series of informal match races next week.

With Britain's second 12-metre — now registered under the name Crusader II — on a ship bound for Perth, rival syndicates and foreign press are falling over themselves to fight pictures taken of this radical Holman design before the crew managed to shroud the more secretive aspects of the yacht when lifting her out of the water last week.

One who did catch a pressure glimpse of the yacht's underbody told of a fore-and-aft keel on which he had bolted a large lead mould casting similar in concept to Holman's original model design Royal Oak, developed for the 1983 America's Cup but discarded by Peter de Savary as being too radical.

Following the British syndicate's recent search for muscle-bound giants to tow over the winches, Kevin Perry's Task Force defence group have launched a nationwide "Anti Doves" trial for similar muscle types to test the three Kookaburra 12-metres.

The eye-catching job description placed in newspapers throughout Australia last week read as follows: "If you are intelligent, have plenty of strength, quick reflexes, agility and guts you have a good chance of racing aboard one of the Kookaburras. Sailing experience beneficial but not essential. Quiche-eaters, wine, roses, Braces, tyre-kickers or grovellers need not apply."

After the recent announcement that the Canadian Tenth North Syndrome had called a halt to their operations, it appeared that another North American group have run into financial trouble. After their poor showing at the recent 12-metre world championship, the Courageous Syndicate, headed by instrumentation manufacturer Leonard Greene, were writing in emergency session in Newport yesterday to decide whether to continue with the development of a new boat or disband the project.

Australian defence plans outline at a hectic pace. At a major ceremony outside the Sydney Opera House on Monday, Syd Fischer will seal the launch of his Peter C-16 designed 12-metre — to be called Spirit of Australia, if Quanta, the title holders, allow — while in Perth construction of Alan Bond's Australia IV has reached the framing stage. His new Ben Lexcen design is larger than Australia III, winner of the recent world championship, in an effort to better the heavy air performance displayed by Marc Pajot's French Kiss, the only other boat to win two races during that series.

Barry Pickthall

